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SYDNEY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1898.

Births.

TUNKS.—December 4, 1897, at her residence, Thornleigh, the wife of Sydney C. Tunks, of a daughter.

Marriages.

HALL—RICHARDSON.—December 8, 1897, at St. George's Chapel, Hurstville, May, third daughter of James F. Richardson, Esq., of Kerr's Creek, to Thos. E. Hall, of Petersham. No cards.

NELSON—LOCKHART.—January 5, at St. Joseph's Church, Woollahra, Charles Calvert Nelson, solicitor, eldest son of Charles Nelson, Esq., of Chelsea, Woollahra, to Kathleen Flora Macdonald, youngest daughter of the late Norman Philip Lockhart, of Albury.

Deaths.

CHAPMAN.—January 1, at Tamworth (N.S.W.), Rev. J. P. Chapman (late of Fiji), dearly beloved husband of E. J. Chapman, and son of Joshua and Amelia Chapman of Brunswick (Victoria), aged 41 years. Intercolonial papers please copy.

FOLEY.—January 1, at Mount Victoria, Ada Mary, youngest daughter of John Foley, late of Collie and Gongolgon, aged 18 years.

MURRAY.—January 2, at Lismore, William D'Arcy, dearly loved infant son of Francis Simon and Florence Mabel Murray, aged 8 months.

STARTIN.—October 15, at Oruba, 24 Kempley-road, Hampstead, London, N.W., George Startin, late of Sydney (New South Wales), eldest son of George Startin, of Thurlow-road, Hampstead, England, aged 48 years.

TAYLOR-MIDDLETON.—January 6, at Craigton, May's Hill, Parramatta, James Taylor-Middleton, of Aberdeen, Scotland, aged 35 years. At rest. Home papers please copy.

THOMPSON.—December 31, at the Cottage Hospital, Lewisham, Jane, the beloved wife of W. H. Thompson, from shock after operation, aged 48 years. Many years a resident of Newtown.

In Memoriam.

FARROW.—In loving memory of my wife, Emily Farrow, who departed this life on the 7th day of January, 1895, aged 40 years. J. F.

LARKIN.—In fond and loving memory of Katie M. Larkin, who died at Camden on January 7th, 1896. Resting in peace. Inserted by her loving brother, J. F. Larkin.

STONE.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband, Edward Samuel John Stone, who died 7th January, 1897. Inserted by his loving wife, Christina Stone.

STONE.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear father, Edward Samuel John Stone, who died 7th January, 1897. Inserted by his loving children, Lena, Robert, Herbert, Edith, Ruby, Victoria.

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Himalaya	6898	W. L. Broun	Jan. 11 Noon.	Jan. 22 1.30 p.m.	Jan. 26 2 p.m.
Britannia	6525	J. L. Parfitt	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 3
Oceana	6610	E. Stewart	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
*China	8000	M. de Horne	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
*Victoria	6527	E. Crewe	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
*India	8000	W. D. G. Worcester	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
*Australia	6901	I. Reeves	Apl. 6	Apl. 12	Apl. 14
*Arcadia	6603	A. C. Loggin	Apl. 20	Apl. 26	Apl. 28

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Armand Behic	Poydenot	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31
Caledonien	—	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
Ville de la Ciotat	Fasechi	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
Polynesien	Chevalier	April 18	April 21	April 23

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Bremen	11000	Reimkasten	—	Jan. 4	Jan. 8
Koenigin Luise	10566	Schuckmann	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 5
Barbarossa	10769	A. Richter	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 5
P. R. Luitpold	6592	H. Walter	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	April 2
Karlsruhe	5347	C. V. Bardeleben	Apl. 20	Apl. 26	April 30
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ORIZABA	6297	A. W. Clarke, R.N.R.	Jan. 10	Jan. 15	Jan. 19
OROYA	6297	R. E. Lavington	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 10
*CUZCO	3898	A. T. Pritchard	Feb. 16	Feb. 22	Feb. 24
*ORUBA	5857	Lindsay Hay	Mar. 2	Mar. 8	Mar. 10
*ORMUZ	6387	H. E. Inskip	Mar. 16	Mar. 22	Mar. 24
*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 30	April 5	April 7
*OPHIR	6910	J. F. Ruthven	Apl. 13	Apl. 19	Apl. 21

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S.S. WAKATIPU, SATURDAY, January 15, at 1 p.m.
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ADELAIDE	Bulimba, Tuesday, Jan. 11
ALBANY, FREMANTLE, GERALDTON, transhipping for COSSACK and North-west ports	Bulimba, Tuesday, Jan. 11 (See Special Advertisement below.)
BRISBANE	Warrego, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 7; Katoomba, Sat., 11 a.m., Jan. 8; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
MARYBOROUGH	Katoomba, Sat., 11 a.m., Jan. 8; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
BUNDABERG	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
GLADSTONE	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
ROCKHAMPTON	Katoomba, Sat., 11 a.m., Jan. 8; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
BROADSOUND	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
MACKAY, BOWEN	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
TOWNSVILLE	Warrego, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 7; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
DUNGENESS (Lucinda Point), CARDWELL, MOURILYAN HARBOUR, GERALDTON	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11 (Change at Townsville.)
CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
COOKTOWN	Warrego, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 7; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 11
THURSDAY ISLD., NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Warrego, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
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ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Peregrine, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m.; Buninyong, Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
ALBANY, BUNBURY, FREMANTLE, GERALDTON	Buninyong, Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m. (No transhipment). See Special Advertisement.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON	Tyrian, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m.; Konoowarra, Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.; Peregrine, Sat., Jan. 15, 2 p.m.
BUNDABERG, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA POINT, GERALDTON, CAIRNS, &c., &c.	Tyrian, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m.; Barrabool, Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.; Peregrine, Sat., Jan. 15, 2 p.m.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN NAYLISS, late of Boxtree Creek, near Murrurundi, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the sixteenth day of February next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the said Court commission will be applied for. Dated this 6th day of January, A.D. 1898. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES M'GRATH, late of Six-mile Flat, near Braidwood, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Pursuant to the Trust Property Act of 1862. NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and others having claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to send in full particulars of such claims to the Executors, WILLIAM M'DOWALL and CHARLES M'GRATH, of Braidwood, on or before the seventeenth day of February, 1898, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased in terms of the Will of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.
Dated this 31st day of December, 1897.
FELL and SON, Proctors for the Executors, Braidwood.
By LAURENCE and RICH, Solicitors, Bligh-chambers, Bligh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT ALEXANDER KEDDIE, late of Dowling-street, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased.—Pursuant to the Trust Property Act of 1862, Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and others having any debt or claim upon or affecting the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby requested to send in particulars of their claim to the undersigned, Proctor for James R. Thomson and George Frederick Windon, the Executors in the said Will named, on or before the fourth day of February next, at the expiration of which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which they shall then have notice, and they will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated at Sydney this 6th day of January, A.D. 1898. SIDNEY JOHN BULL, Proctor for the Executors, Temple-court, King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of the Right Honourable SAMUEL CHARLES BARON HINDLIP, late of Hindlip Hall, in the county of Worcester, and Alsop-en-le-dale, in the county of Derby, and 33 Hill-street, Berkeley-square, in the county of London, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration with Exemplification of Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased annexed in respect of the above Estate may be granted to ALFRED EDMUND JAQUES and ALFRED CONSETT STEPHEN, two of the duly-constituted Attorneys of and for and on behalf of the Executors named in the said Will. COLIN CAMPBELL STEPHEN, Proctor for Applicants, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY ANN WILSON, late of Adelong, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHRISTINA JANE WILSON, EMILY MARY WILSON, and JOHN CHANNON, the Executors named in the said Will. EMANUEL and FRASER, Proctors, Tumut. By their agent, D. M. MYERS, Mutual of New York-building, Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANK JAMES BOUFFIER, late of Oxford-street, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Wine Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE BOUFFIER (in the Will called KATE BOUFFIER) and WILLIAM GATTENHOFF, the Executrix and Executor named in the said Will. LEWIS LEVY, Proctor for the Executrix and Executor, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM HERBERT KING, late of Borenore, near Orange, in the colony of New South Wales, Minor, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNIE KING, the Mother of the said deceased.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN SWADLING, late of Manly, in the colony of New South Wales, Farrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration (with the will annexed) of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMMA ADRAIN and MARY TURNER, the beneficiaries in the said will named. M'EVILLY and M'EVILLY, Proctors for the Applicants, 11 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

PURSUANT to a Direction of the Honourable Mr. Justice Stirling made in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in England in the Matter of the ESTATE of ALICE HAYES BEAUMONT, late of Faygate, Horsham, in the County of Sussex, deceased, Beamand v. Sutton (1894 B.731), and in the Matter of the ESTATE of HENRY MARTYN BEAUMONT, late of the same address, deceased, Beamand v. Sutton (1894 B. 3350), and Butler v. Galley (1896 B. 1873), WILLIAM GEORGE BEAMAND (son of William Thomas Beamand), who left England in or about the year 1870, and is believed to have subsequently resided in Australia, is hereby required, or in the event of the said William George Beamand having died, his Widow and Children (if any) are required by their Solicitors, on or before the 2nd day of May, 1898, to come in and prove his or their claims against the said estates at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Stirling, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, England, or in default thereof he or they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said direction. Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 1898, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claim or claims.
Dated this 30th day of November, 1897.
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Public Notices.

Department of Public Instruction.
Sydney, 6th January, 1898.
VISIT OF COUNTRY TEACHERS TO THE N.S.S. SOBRAON on the 11th and 13th instant.
Teachers desirous of availing themselves of the Honourable the Minister's invitation should forward their Names and Addresses to the Chief Inspector not later than TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING.
(34202) J. C. MAYNARD, Under-Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.
TO-DAY, January 7th.—10 a.m.: Sectional Committees meet. 10.30: Presidential Addresses, sections A and D. 11.30: Sections C and J. 2 p.m.: Sections E and H. 3 p.m.: Sections G and I. 4 p.m.: Mrs. Russell's Garden Party (limited to 200 invitations).
* The Reception previously announced to take place this evening has been Postponed.
The subscription of £1 entitles Members to the publications of the Association gratis. Ladies are eligible for membership. Members who have not received their Membership Cards and Cards of Invitation should apply for them without delay. Names should be sent in for the Excursions as soon as possible, as the accommodation in some instances is limited. Programmes may be obtained on application.
A. LIVERSIDGE, Permanent Hon. Secretary, The University, Glebe.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.
PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM THE TERMINUS OF THE ROSEHILL RAILWAY TO DURAL.
The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, appointed under the Public Works Act of 1888, 51 Vic., No. 37; the Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889, 52 Vic., No. 26; and the Public Works (Committee's Remuneration) Act of 1889, 53 Vic., No. 11, having now under consideration the expediency of constructing a Railway from the terminus of the Rosehill Railway to Dural, any Person competent to give evidence relevant and important to this subject is invited to forward his name to the Secretary at the office of the Committee, Public Works Buildings, Phillip-street.
CHARLES LYNE, Secretary.
Sydney, 5th January, 1898.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.
I acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of Twenty Pounds sterling, being a donation to the funds of the institution from the Hospital Sunday Committee of the Friendly Societies' Association of N.S.W.
JAMES EWAN, Hon. Treasurer.

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Meetings.

HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION of N.S. WALES.—Members are requested to attend Monthly MEETING THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street. Subject: "Cultivation of Celery," by Mr. Luke Woolf. Committee requested to attend at 7.30.
R. A. PROUDFOOT, Hon. Sec.

THE CITY BANK OF SYDNEY.
Established 1863.
NOTICE is hereby given that the usual HALF-YEARLY General MEETING of the Shareholders of the City Bank of Sydney will be held on TUESDAY, the 18th day of January ensuing, at noon precisely, at the Head Banking-house of the Company, Pitt-street, Sydney,
To Receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the Half-year ending 31st instant.
To Elect Two Directors in the room of John Lyons, Esq., and Alexander Dean, Esq., who retire in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, but who are eligible for re-election.
To Elect an Auditor in the place of Haley C. D'Ardier, Esq., who retires by rotation, and is not eligible for re-election.
And to transact such other business as may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.
By order of the Board.
JAMES HENDERSON, General Manager.
Sydney, 31st December, 1897.
N.B.—Any Shareholder becoming a Candidate for the office of Director must give notice of his intention to the Board of Directors in writing, to be left at the Head Banking-house of the Company 14 days at least before the day of election, as required by Clause V. of Part III. of the Deed of Settlement.

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It is hereby notified that JOHN LYONS, Esq., and ALEXANDER DEAN, Esq., two duly-qualified Shareholders, have given the requisite notice to the Board of Directors of the Bank that they intend to offer themselves for RE-ELECTION as Directors.
By order of the Board.
JAMES HENDERSON, General Manager.
Sydney, 6th January, 1898.

MITTAGONG LAND COMPANY, Limited.
The Adjourned Annual General MEETING of this Company will be held at its Office, 82 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 11th January, at 10.30 a.m.
ROBERT GILFILLAN, Manager.

THE IMPERIAL ARCADE COMPANY, Limited, In Liquidation.—NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with clause 163 of the Companies Act of 1874 of New South Wales, 37 Victoria, number 19, an Extraordinary General MEETING of the Company will be held on THURSDAY, the tenth day of February next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the office of the Company, 9 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, to receive the Liquidator's Report and Statement of Accounts on the winding-up of the Company.
JOSEPH SPEARS, Liquidator.
Sydney, January 6, 1898.

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JOHN CLUBB, Council Clerk.
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CANARY, LOST in Darlinghurst, Wednesday, lightly marked. Reward. 341 Liverpool-st., Darlinghurst.

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LOST, crested black and yellow CANARY, Wednesday morning; reward. 177 Enmore-rd., Enmore.

LOST, Gold BANGLE, between Marrickville and North Sydney, Wed. Miss Roberts, Miller-st., N. Sydney.

LOST, yesterday (Wed.), black Moire PARACHUTE, green silver-topped stick. 45½ Windsor-st., Padd.

LOST, Ladies' Cardcase and Gold Brooch, bet. Bondi and Woollahra, reward. A. Jay, Penkivil-st., Bondi.

LOST, Gold Scarf RING, horseshoe pattern, diamonds and carbuncle. 10s reward. 143 Macquarie-st.

LOST, bet. Abercrombie-st., Market-st., Gold Lover's Knot Brooch, Wed. night; good rew. 92 Abercrom.-st.

LOST, Gold BANGLE, small Chain attached; reward. R. E. Cliff, 63 Elizabeth-st.

LOST, in Randwick, Gold Bar BROOCH, set with amethyst. Apply D. Sands, Allison-rd., Randwick.

LOST, small red COW, WBA; reward 10s. E. H. Daniel, Belmore-rd., Hurstville.

LOST, Bay GELDING, black points, 16.1. Reward. Kameruka, Wellesley-st., Summer Hill.

LOST the morning Headache, now that I stick to Dickens' Whisky.

LOST, either between Willoughby and North Sydney, or Roseville and N. Syd., Purse, containing cheque, gold, silver, &c. Rew. on return, to Tullamain, M'Laren-st., N. Sydney; or Mr. Gulliver, Mowbray-road, Willoughby.

LOST, Wednesday morning, SKYE TERRIER, 18 months' old, tail not cut, between George-street, Marrickville, and Canterbury-road, Petersham. Reward. A. M. WALLIS, Earlston, George-street, Marrickville.

LOST, between Bent-street and G.P.O., Lady's Grey Silk Knitted PURSE.
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LOST, from Randwick district, Black and Tan Collie DOG; reward. Anyone detaining after this notice will be prosecuted.
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LOST, between Chatswood and Milson's Point, lady's Gold RING. Reward. Chatswood Station, or H. HAIGH and SON, Young-street, Circular Quay.

LOST, Thursday, Broken-haired Terrier Puppy DOG, about 5 months, tan head and feet, black-blue body, all turning grey; reward.
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The 13.1 Handicap, about 3½ furlongs.
The 14.2 Welter Handicap, about 4 furlongs.
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THE READING OF BOYS.

In his reading the boy is still an unmitigated barbarian. He is at the same time the deadliest critic with whom an author has to reckon. The mere adult, humanely mindful of his own defects (says a contributor to the "Westminster Gazette"), is generally disposed to be lenient over faults and infirmities; but the boy is ever merciless. "Wretchedly dull," said a young gentleman of 10, laying down "Kidnapped." "Why can't that man" (meaning the man of genius who wrote the book) "get to work? He describes and describes and fusses about nothing till one is sick." It was no use speaking to him of style. What did one bent on horrors care for style? He owned that Alan Breck made a fair fight of it in the Round House; but even that was nothing beside the slaughterings of the great King Twala and other heroes of Mr. Haggard's Iliad. The fact is, the boy dotes on gore, and plenty of it, though mystery will serve if it be fraught with perils which promise bloodshed in the end. To depend on artistic presentment after the manner of Robert Louis Stevenson were simply to invite ridicule. Heine, in a delightful passage, tells how as a youngster he revelled in "Don Quixote," but there are few Heines among boys, German or English. As a rule the Knight of La Mancha and his inimitable squire, the illustrious parent of so many Wellers, are voted tedious and silly by the juvenile critic. Scott, "at his best," that is to say, in "Ivanhoe" and "The Talisman," will do; and Dumas is, of course, superexcellent. Kingston, Ballantyne, Verne, Henty, and Haggard are also favourites, though the vogue of the ingenious Frenchman seems to be declining.

"Crusoe" is ostensibly the English classic for boys; yet it may be whispered that Defoe's masterpiece is oftener bought than read—from cover to cover. For one reader who finishes well ten start gaily. Most get through the first part with unabated zest; but the second part palls, probably because, written to order, it lacks the freshness of the earlier portion. As most stories of to-day are produced to order, they naturally suffer from a want of spontaneity and spirit. We speak of creation, but the modern storyteller rarely creates. He gets up his material as a lawyer gets up a case; and imagination is often as conspicuously absent in the one instance as in the other. In seeking grist for his mill the writer of tales ransacks the records of the globe, following hard on the trail of hunters, explorers, prospectors, and pioneers generally. The reviewer of the Christmas book, just now so much in evidence, is familiar with all the time-worn devices. He knows to his cost, poor fellow, that whether the action be on land or on sea, among savage or civilised people, he will be made to sup on blood-curdling horrors. All too well is he aware that the hero (innocent and noble as if man never fell) will suffer monstrous wrong, will take his life in his hand and go forth gallantly to perform prodigies of skill and daring beyond the capacity of any 10 men in the land; and that at last, covered with glory and incredibly rich, he will return triumphant, revenged on his enemies, and happy in his friends. The thing is as mechanical as the click of the typewriter. Plots differ in detail; but the main plan is invariable, the writer being put on his mettle merely to throw in what an American has felicitously called "hair-raisers" by the way.

This does not, of course, make for literary excellence; and, in truth, tale-tellers for the young are not as a rule stylists. "Q" made a gallant attempt to naturalise the Stevenson tradition, but it is understood the young barbarian turns up his nose at Mr. Quiller-Couch. Even Mr. Stanley J. Weyman seems to be losing his vogue, and, if so, what is to become of his legion of imitators? The book, however, which is frankly meant for the boy—in other words, the book of breathless action and no style—still sells. The leaders of this school have never, so far as their books bear witness, evinced the slightest interest in the art of writing well. And, indeed, the boys' writer who should deliberately set himself to produce literature in the high sense would have the mere satisfaction of doing well for his pains. Nor, unfortunately, are the prospects improving. The School Board is every year "turning out readers by the hundred thousand." These have learned to read, but not to discriminate. Hence an appetite for the raw meat of literature. That appetite unhappily grows by what it feeds on, a dismal augury for the artist in letters. We know how Stevenson bewailed his fate. He managed to please journalists, and one here and there in the great multitude of those who buy books; but the general reader cared little for him, and the boy still less. Mr. Meredith has given us an exquisite study of a boy, but is Mr. Meredith popular with the young, or for that matter with the old? Would any editor of a boys' paper dream of asking him for a serial? Yet boys' papers and boys' books increase and multiply. It has to be sorrowfully owned that their literary merit is in inverse proportion to their number and popularity. The writer who would find grace with boys must have a thunderclap not only in every chapter, but in every second paragraph. He will be forgiven for disregarding plot, truth, consistency, so long as he gives the essential thrill and shudder. He cannot be too melodramatic, or pile horrors on horrors' head with too lavish a hand. But woe to him if he makes any display of style, or attempts the didactic. These things are not forgiven. His task is becoming increasingly difficult, for his material is losing its freshness. The immemorial desert island, the mutiny, the shipwreck, the capture by savages, the mysterious mines of gold and gems—these are getting to be somewhat rusty stock-in-trade. Jules Verne utilises the "scientific imagination," as Poe did before him, and as Mr. Wells is successfully doing after him. But not every one can turn science to account. Those who cannot, and they are the majority, may, however, find consolation in the fact that there is an ever fresh succession of boys ready to gloat over "hairbreadth 'scapes" and a plentiful flow of blood. The moral seems to be that for pleasing the captious youngster there is, after all, nothing like peril, and the direr and gorier it is the better.

THE AMEER AND THE INDIAN TROUBLES.

THE CAREER OF THE MAD MULLAH.

Reuter's Agency has received from a well-informed correspondent at Cabul (says the "St. James' Gazette") a letter, bearing date September 20, containing an interesting statement of the Ameer Abdur Rahman's views in regard to the late tribal risings on the North-western frontier of India. "On the occasion of my last audience with the Ameer," says the correspondent, "the conversation in Durbar turned upon the position of affairs on the frontier, and the Ameer, addressing himself to me, said: 'This Mullah, th Haddah Mullah, is a man who, during the reign of Shere Ali Khan, had his own way entirely, was allowed to do as he liked with the people, and raise revolt as it pleased him. When I came to the throne he thought he would still enjoy the same liberty, but I made inquiries, and found out his mode of procedure, and arranged to capture him. Unfortunately, he received information of my intentions, and escaped across the frontier. Shortly afterwards, in revenge, he raised the Shinwaris and other tribes against me, and gave me considerable trouble for about eighteen months, and it was not until some four thousand of them had been killed in battle that the tribes were quieted. Now he has raised the frontier tribes against the English, and preached a Jehad, the consequence of which is that many thousands of hillmen and others lose their lives. I hear that it has been said by many in India that I have influenced the tribes towards rising, but I cannot understand how any one can think me responsible for the actions of a man who raised the same tribes and fought against me, until he knew it was useless to continue doing so.' 'I have since made inquiries,' continued the Ameer, 'concerning this Mullah, and cannot find out what tribe or caste he belongs to. I cannot trace his birthplace, for he has neither father nor mother; no wives, children, or relations in this country, and it is hard to say what religion or race he belongs to, although he says he is a Mussulman, and is well up in that religion. He can speak Persian and Pushtoo fluently, and, I believe, has written many pamphlets on the Jehad. This man has also so much influence over Mussulmans that when he sent his agents into the Jellallabad and Laghman districts to induce the people to join the Jehad, some 3000 were ready to go in small companies, and these might have been increased to 30,000 or more; but fortunately my Governor in Jellallabad got news of it, and the people were stopped. When the people were questioned as to whose orders, and by what right they were assembled for fighting against the English, they said they had a right, for their leaders had told them that the Ameer Sahib had given permission. My Governor said that if such was the case he must send their leaders to Cabul and let the Ameer Sahib know what they had told them. Of their leaders I have four Sheikhs and two Maliks, who carried the green (Jehad) flags, in prison here, and I know how to deal with them; but, by bad luck, the other leaders escaped.' One of the officials in the Durbar here remarked that 'Indeed, these men are rascals.' 'Rascal,' cried the Ameer; 'No! they are rather the worst scoundrels I have ever known, for they have not hesitated to use my name to try and bring discredit on me. I have much to do in ruling, teaching, and civilising my people without being troubled by such scoundrels.'"

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OPENING OF THE REICHSTAG.

SPEECH BY THE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Telegraphing from Berlin on November 30 the correspondent of the "New York World" gives the following account of the opening of the Reichstag:—

The last session of the present Reichstag was opened in the White Hall of the Royal Castle at noon to-day by the Emperor William in person for the first time since 1894. The speech from the Throne was unfavourably criticised, as a rule, by those who have up to the present been able to weigh it. The navy occupied the principal place in the speech. On this subject his Majesty said:—"The development of the German Navy does not correspond with Germany's mission at sea, and in the event of warlike complications it would not suffice to assure the security of the home ports and coasts against a blockade or more extensive operations upon the part of the enemy. Neither has it kept pace with the rapid growth of German trans-oceanic interests. While German trade is participating increasingly in the world's exchange of merchandise, the number of our war-vessels does not suffice to afford our countrymen abroad the measure of protection corresponding with Germany's position, nor the support which can be secured only by a display of power.

"Although it is not our object to vie with the maritime Powers of the first rank, Germany must nevertheless be placed in a position to maintain by means of preparedness at sea her prestige among the peoples of the globe. To this end the strengthening of our home fleet of battle-ships and the increase in the number of our vessels intended for foreign service in time of peace becomes necessary; and in order to gain firm ground for urgent measures which cannot any longer be postponed, the Federal Government considers it expedient to determine by legislative enactment the strength of the navy and the period in which it is to be attained. With this object in view a bill will be submitted to the Reichstag for constitutionally arriving at a decision, and later, with a view to the promotion of trans-oceanic interests, a bill will be introduced for improving the mail steamship communication with Eastern Asia."

The Emperor then touched upon the finances of the country, saying:—

"The general condition of the finances is satisfactory, and a considerable portion of the anticipated surplus will be employed, as last year, in reducing the Imperial debt. An economic committee, consisting of representatives of industry, agriculture, and trade, has been appointed, by means of whose expert advice it is intended to define the conditions and scope of the extensive ramifications of home productions in order to obtain a firm basis upon which to shape future customs tariffs and commercial relations with foreign countries."

Referring to the murder of the two German missionaries, Nies and Henule, in China, the Emperor said:—

"The murder of the missionaries in China, and the attacks upon mission stations which have been placed under my Imperial protection, and their welfare, which I have at heart, have compelled me to cause my squadron in Eastern Asia to proceed to Kiao-Chou Bay, the point nearest to the scene of the outrage, and land troops in order to obtain full reparation and security against a recurrence of similar lamentable events."

Upon the general political situation his Majesty said:—

"Our political relations with foreign States are in every way gratifying, and valuable guarantees of the maintenance of these relations have again been afforded me by my meetings with the allied and friendly monarchs, as well as by the brilliant and cordial receptions accorded me in my visits to Peterhof and Budapest."

In conclusion, his Majesty said:—

"All indications justify the expectation that, with God's help, we may in the future, as in the past, look forward to the peaceful development of Europe and the German Fatherland."

Having completed his written speech the Emperor added:—

"Two years ago from this platform I swore before you, upon the consecrated colours of my First Regiment of Guards, to preserve the Empire as I took it from my grandfather, and to protect and safeguard its honour abroad. You have thus all become parties to my oath, and I pray, in the name of the Empire and in the presence of Almighty God, that He will assist you in your work and help me to protect in the future as in the past the honour of the Empire abroad, which I have not valued too low to give my only brother in pledge for it."

The Naval Bill, as semi-officially forecasted, provides for a total fleet of 19 sea-going ironclads, 8 coast-defence ironclads, and 42 cruisers, an increase of five sea-going ironclads and nine cruisers. The additional expense involved is 163,000,000 marks, the amount to cover seven years, when the warships are to be completed, the Reichstag to decide yearly the number of vessels to be commenced and the amount of the naval budget. This increases the budget from 118,000,000 marks to 150,000,000 marks, but the forecast declares the additional expense will not necessitate the levying of any special taxes.

ROYAL MINT.

Abstract of transactions for 1897 and previous years of the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint:—

Particulars.	1897.	1896.	From the establishment of the Mint to the end of 1897.
Weight of gold received for coinage:	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.
New South Wales	209,415	209,530	8,706,228
Queensland	520,430	467,884	10,314,319
New Zealand	24,462	30,797	2,582,069
Other places	2,510	4,746	1,570,464
Coin	147	46	260,935
	756,964	712,800	23,433,725
	£	£	£
Gross value of the above	2,667,495	2,610,459	87,250,533
Gold Coin and Gold Bullion issued—	£	£	£
Sovereigns	2,532,000	2,544,000	81,283,500
Half-sovereigns	nil	nil	2,622,500
Bullion	130,448	67,649	3,180,244
Total	2,662,448	2,611,649	87,086,244
New Silver Coin issued	17,250	10,800	476,600
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A PREHISTORIC BATTLE-GROUND.

An ancient battle-ground on which upward of a hundred thousand men gave up their lives has just been found in the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, United States. Professor Edwin Walters, the archæologist and geologist (says the New York "Herald") made the remarkable discovery, and has quietly pushed his investigation, until he is able to furnish indisputable evidence of the soundness of his theories. A few months ago, when the Kansas City, Pittsburg, and Gulf railway was being built through that wild country, the construction gang, in excavating trenches on the right of way, cut into a singular formation. Under the top strata of alluvial soil they found a layer of adobe or plain formation of the quarternary period, and in the strata of fine silt lying underneath it were found the bones of countless warriors of a prehistoric race. Professor Walters learned of the discovery, and, under his direction, pits were dug in a great number of places, revealing the fact that under an area of 30 acres these skeletons of an extinct race were thickly buried. The skulls are found to be broken, as if by blunt weapons, or pierced with spears or arrows. The arrow points are found inside the skulls or sticking into the other bones of the body. In parts of the burial grounds the bodies are placed in circles, with the feet together and the bodies radiating from the centre. A food bowl is usually found at the elbow of each warrior, evidently placed there in accordance with some religious belief.

TRANSIT COMMISSION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Feeling sure that you desire to do justice to the licensees of this city, I crave space in your valuable journal to reply to some of the statements made in some of the reports of the meeting at which our much-esteemed new Mayor (Mr. M. Harris) presided. One would think by some of the headings, "Charges Against 'Bus-drivers," &c., that all that was said was proved, when as a matter of fact the statements were ex parte; and when I, as licensees' representative on the board, asked why the supposed guilty drivers were not proceeded against the registrar replied that the ladies and gentlemen who lodged the complaints did not care about attending court for the purpose. I will undertake to say that where one driver, if any, would take advantage of a passenger, 20 passengers take advantage of the driver. I have had a seat on the board for nine months, and this is the first instance in which a charge of cheating has been preferred against the 'bus-drivers. These reports state that the registrar mentioned that quite a number of complaints were made. As a matter of fact, five or six were made and none proved. I therefore protest against the charges being made public without the men in question having an opportunity of disproving them. Surely honest travellers by tram often see passengers ride without paying; but, of course, in the eyes of "Jehu's" friends, this does not occur. Now as to his Worship's remarks re cabs. Anyone would think the new chairman was a perfect bear, whereas, on the contrary, he proved himself a kindly, considerate gentleman. He inquired re the cabs at the railway stand, and pointed out that some were in a bad state. One member of the board and the registrar, opened fire, and said they were a disgrace to the city. May I here be allowed to explain on behalf of the men that the railway stand and the wharf stands are totally different to all other stands: that no man with a really good "turnout" will ply for hire at these places, as the generous travelling public not only cram in two and three deep, but expect the unfortunate cabman to do duty as a parcel delivery. This is in evidence every day, as one has only to go to either of the stands mentioned and see the luggage not only piled up in front of the passengers, but on the top of the cab. Now, if a really good cab were used it would cost more for repairs after each fare than 10 fares would pay for, so that a second-class cab is a necessary evil, if anything. If the public would deal fairly with the poor cabby, and send the luggage by parcel delivery, and thereby give the vanmen a show of getting a living, the cabs in question would be in a much better condition. This is also an unfair time of the year to complain, as notices to the number of hundreds are sent to these men not to do their cabs up, but present them in their present state for inspection, as is evidenced by the reports, where it states they have to go through the ordeal at a special meeting on Friday afternoon. Now, as to the remarks of the chairman re the 'buses not keeping the proper line and using the middle of the road, &c. I feel sure I have only to point out here, as I did to his Worship, the cause, and the right-thinking, unbiassed portion of the public will agree with me that the fault is not the 'bus-drivers'. Up to a few days ago the city authorities persistently watered each side of the street without sanding, and as a result any vehicle that pulled up at the sides did so at considerable risk, which risk was repeated in endeavouring to pull off—result, the 'buses which are tied to time could not travel in their proper places, but were forced towards the centre of the road in order to get along with safety. The new Mayor, I am pleased to say, is alive to the necessity, and is providing the only remedy—top-dressing. When this is done it will be found that the 'bus-drivers will gladly work the side of the road, as that is more convenient for their customers, and consequently more profitable. As to the registrar being instructed to attend to the matters which the chairman mentioned, I feel it my duty to say that I emphatically refuse to delegate my duty as a member of the board to any officer, and desire to perform the duties cast upon the members of the board by the Act and bylaws under which the board exists. With reference to the paragraph in the reports, that the registrar was instructed to take action against all drivers reported for giving incorrect change, there is a slight inaccuracy, as the registrar cannot proceed in any case without the sanction of the board and unless reliable evidence can be produced. In conclusion, I should like to point out that a large majority of the public, and some sections of the press, are constantly complaining of the mismanagement of the traffic by the Transit Board and officers, whereas the few officers the funds will allow to be employed are if anything over-zealous, and, as far as my experience goes, never let an instance of misconduct pass unnoticed. If, as I hold it ought to be, the whole of the traffic were under the control of the board, the heavy traffic which so often blocks our narrow streets at all hours of the day would be directed along the less crowded thorougfares. Heavy goods would be delivered at the most suitable times. Cabs, 'buses, and vans could comply with the regulations. The pedestrians and others would not be inconvenienced, and things would, when the blocks are properly treated, run smoothly. I am, &c.,

WM. MARTIN,
Licensees' Representative Transit Commission.
January 6.

OUR FIJI LETTER.

SUVA, Dec. 28.

The Christmas season has come and gone with the usual festivities. The Government gazetted from the 24th to the 27th as holidays, which gave those so inclined a good chance to visit the country. An excursion was run to Levuka, but was poorly patronised, the sports there being not as successful as formerly. On the 27th children's sports were held in Suva, and great interest was taken in these by old and young. The various churches were beautifully decorated, and the services were very attractive. The weather was exceptionally hot, though fortunately fine. The business for Christmas week was not nearly as large as usual.

The Hon. James Stewart, C.M.G., has at last been granted his well-earned leave of absence, and will leave Fiji for Scotland in March. As well as Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. Stewart has been recently appointed Receiver-General, and on his leaving probably the Hon. W. L. Allardyce will act as Colonial Secretary, while the appointment as Receiver-General will be filled by another officer. During the illness of Sir John Thurston Mr. Stewart practically held the reins of Government, and Sir George O'Brien will miss Mr. Stewart very much.

The tenders for 1896 have been accepted as follows:—Copra, Messrs. Lever Brothers, £8 6s 2d per ton; general supplies, Messrs. Henry Marks and Co., Limited; ironwork, Mr. W. H. T. Smith; timber, Messrs. Milne and Murchie; bread, Mr. A. H. Allen; meat, Messrs. Corbett and Hunt.

During a heavy thunderstorm the house of Ratu Beni at Navuso, Rewa, was struck by lightning. A native with the usual amount of curiosity immediately climbed on the house to see where the lightning had gone, but as the house was soon a mass of flames he quickly climbed down again. Everything inside was saved, and it was very fortunate that Ratu Beni and his wife, Adi Cakobau, were out at the time.

The valuations for the town of Suva are complete, showing an increase of about £1500 above last year, the total value being £16,000. A rate of 1s 10d in the £ will be struck. Special attention will be paid during 1898 to the maintaining and cleaning the town. The greatest difficulty is experienced in keeping the weeds down, the growth being so rapid in this tropical climate.

The various schools closed immediately before Christmas. The Public school prizes were distributed by the Hon. James Stewart, C.M.G., in the schoolroom. The gold medal presented by the Hon. A. Duncan, chairman of the School Board, was won by Miss Gertrude March, who was dux of the school. The private school conducted by the Misses Rennie closed for the holidays on the 22nd, when Lady Berkeley distributed the prizes. The Roman Catholic schools closed on the 17th, when an entertainment was given in the Public Hall. Dr. Finnucane presented the prizes, which were costly and numerous.

The civil sessions of the Supreme Court will close on January 3. The first case, Duncan v. Lazarus (assault) ended in a verdict for the plaintiff with £200 damages and costs; the second, the Fiji Banana and Produce Company v. Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, Limited, is still engaging the Court, having been now 17 days under consideration.

Professor Agassiz is completing his researches in this group, intending to sail for America early in January. The steamer Yaralla will then return to Brisbane.

Shipping has been somewhat brisk. The Hauroto arrived from Auckland on the 4th and sailed for the same port on the 11th instant with a full cargo of fruit and sugar. The Warrimoo arrived from Vancouver on the 10th, and sailed the same day for Sydney via Wellington. The Hawea sailed for Auckland on the 13th with 2650 tons sugar. The Miowera arrived from Sydney via Wellington on the 16th, and sailed the same night for Vancouver. The Birksgate arrived late on the 19th, and sailed for Sydney via Nadi on the 21st. The Ovalau arrived from Sydney on the 23rd, and sailed for the islands on the 24th.

The weather having changed to heavy rain the density of the juice has fallen, and probably some 5000 tons cane will be left until next season to cut. This will make a difference in the total outturn of sugar, nevertheless 30,000 tons will be reached, which will be the heaviest output from Fiji. Should all go on satisfactorily and no hurricane occur 1898 season should yield not less than 35,000 tons.

The banana industry is improving, and the Rewa district, which was ruined by the disease, is again turning out very fine fruit. The trouble now is to find a market. The prices in Sydney and Melbourne are very poor, while New Zealand has no scope for further development.

The Hon. A. Duncan has been elected warden unopposed for the third time. Great satisfaction is expressed at the manner in which the Government assists the Town Board in the larger works. The sea wall on the east side of the harbour is being completed, and gives a much improved appearance from the sea.

LANDS OFFICE DAY.

SETTLEMENT UNDER LAND ACT OF 1895.

Since August 15, 1895, when the first homestead selection area became available for application, up to the end of 1897 an area of 1,120,540 acres has been thrown open for selection in 3829 blocks, and for this land applications have been received covering an area of 700,170 acres.

The rental obtained is satisfactory, being at an average of 4 1-5d per acre for the first five years, with an increase to double that amount per acre at the end of that time.

The first settlement lease area was thrown open on September 26, 1895, and from that date up to December 31, 1897, land to the extent of 3,291,340 acres has been offered under that tenure. The farms covered by the applications received number 548, embracing an area of 1,525,692 acres, and the rental obtained, which will remain unchanged throughout the whole term of 28 years for which these leases last, bears an average of 3d par acre, the gross revenue received being £19,335.

It was very evident when the introduction of the Act of 1895 was contemplated that sufficient inducement in the shape of leases with long tenures and at low rentals would have to be offered in order to place the waste lands of the colony under profitable occupation—much of the land being overgrown with scrub, infested with rabbits, or else very remote from market. Consequently a system of lease on an improvement tenure was introduced, now known as improvement leases. The experiment has been so far satisfactory, seeing that 218 of these leases have now been let, covering an area of 2,289,555 acres, at a gross rental of £2955. In course of time these lands will, without doubt, become available for closer settlement under the homestead selection and settlement lease tenures.

It should not perhaps pass without mention that under the Act of 1895 the term of residence on conditional purchases was increased from five years to ten. This in itself would not inflict any hardship on the bona-fide selector, while at the same time it would act as a deterrent in those instances where it might be sought to use the conditional purchase system for other than its legitimate purpose. It is satisfactory to note that under these amended conditions no less than 2341 applications for conditional and additional conditional purchases have been lodged, covering an area of 370,491 acres. Conditional leases, also, to the number of 1216 have come into existence during the same period, and these include an area of 552,960 acres.

The total number of residential holdings applied for since the Act of 1895 came into operation may be reckoned at 4600, and allowing the average number of members to each family the settlement of somewhere about 25,000 individuals on the land may be placed to the credit of the Land Act of 1895.

Subdivisions of the lands resumed under the 3rd section of the Lands Act of 1895 from the leasehold areas of Narromine, Mullah, Burroway, and Eurombedah holdings, in the Dubbo land district, became available yesterday, and as the areas included blocks and farms of good agricultural and grazing country the competition was very keen. No less than 709 applications were deposited by 119 applicants for the 33 settlement lease farms, and 1395 applications by 124 applicants for the 27 homestead selection blocks. The whole of the area thrown open was taken up, and the transactions of the first lands office day of the present year may be considered as highly satisfactory, the total number of blocks and farms applied for being 111, covering an area of 122,374 acres.

Particulars of the day's transactions are as follows:—Homestead selections: At Kempsey, 1 block, containing 55 acres; at Gosford, 1 block, 67 acres; at Hillston, 2 blocks, 1780 acres; at Gunnedah, 1 block, 280 acres; at Glen Innes, 1 block, 126 acres; at Deniliquin, 1 block, 300 acres; at Mudgee, 1 block, 152 acres; at Cootamundra, 1 block, 320 acres; at Cassilis, 1 block, 113 acres; and at Dubbo, 27 blocks, 21,203 acres. Settlement leases: At Hay, 2 farms, 5351 acres; at Walcha, 1 farm, 2180 acres; at Dubbo, 33 farms, 80,005 acres. Original conditional purchases: 14, containing 1155 acres. Additional conditional purchases: 11 for 951 acres. Conditional leases: 13 for 3214 acres; and 1 homestead lease containing 5120 acres.

BABIES ON FIRE, BABIES BURNING UP, with itching and burning eczemas, and other torturing, disfiguring skin and scalp humours. None but mothers realise how these little ones suffer when their tender skins are literally on fire. To know that a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP and a single anointing with CUTICURA, purest of emollients and greatest of skin cures, will in the majority of cases afford instant relief, permit rest and sleep to both child and parent, and point to a speedy cure, and not to use them without a moment's delay is to fail in our duty. Think of the years of suffering entailed by such neglect, years not only of physical but of mental suffering by reason of personal disfigurement, added to bodily torture. Cures made in infancy and childhood are speedy, permanent, and economical.—Advt.

SCIENCE CONGRESS.

THE AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The seventh session of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science opened yesterday at the University-buildings. The inauguration of the session was favoured with the best of weather, and the attendance of visitors appeared, if anything, to be in advance of the average. In the evening the Great Hall of the University, where the presidential address was delivered, was the scene of a numerous and representative gathering. Great preparations had been made for carrying out the business of the association in a manner most conducive to the comfort and convenience of all taking part. For some days prior to the opening, the University presented the appearance of a place undergoing alterations and repairs. Workmen have been busy removing furniture, bringing in tables, putting up partitions, fixing lighting apparatus, arranging for a display of flags and ferns. Apparently the heat of the past few days had not prejudicially affected the site as the grounds looked neat and cool, and the whole of the arrangements were seen to the best advantage. A gala appearance was lent to the scene by the erection of two marquees on the open space fronting the Macleay Museum. These bore the invitation "Refreshments for Visitors," and they were well patronised during the day. In the evening the decorations in the way of ferns, flags, and foliage were thrown into bright relief with the aid of coloured lights. Lights were hung at the entrances to the Macleay Museum, main hall, and various attached buildings, and with the aid of these the quadrangles, lawns, and open spaces were fully illuminated. As mentioned above, effective arrangements have been made for enabling the various sections to carry on their work independently of each other. The Great Hall, to the right of the entrance, will be reserved for meetings of the council and addresses or entertainments of special interest to the association as a whole and to the general public. Past the Great Hall, and a little to the right of it, the Macleay Museum will be used as a writing-room, reception-room, and office for the transaction of general business. Of the 10 sections which will meet regularly during the week, the combined astronomy, mathematics, and physics section will meet in the physics-room, the chemistry section will meet in the chemistry-room, and the geology and mineralogy section will meet in the geology-room. Five of the sections—those of geography, ethnology, economic science, sanitary science, and mental science—will meet in the Medical School. The biology section will occupy the biology room, and the engineering and architecture section will meet in the engineering hall. In connection with the preliminary arrangements it should be mentioned that the information supplied to visitors by means of printing, pamphlets, &c., is on a complete and elaborate scale. A handbook of Sydney, containing nearly 200 pages, has been edited for the use of members of the association by the Government Analyst, Mr. W. M. Hamlet. It contains notes on the climate, geology, botany, birds, fishes, mollusca, insects, marine fauna, commerce, and industries of New South Wales. Each subject is treated by an expert in a concise and readable manner. In addition there are copious notes on places of interest, excursion routes, and hotel accommodation.

The list of intercolonial and other visitors to the session includes the following:—

Victoria.—Mr. P. Baracchi (Government Astronomer), Professor Kernot, Miss Alexander, Rev. Dr. D. Tison, Mr. A. W. Craig, Rev. P. and Miss Darling, Messrs. J. H. Harvey, George Laing, H. R. Hogg, A. W. Howett, F.G.S., Miss Howett, Messrs. W. N. Kernot, A. C. M'Donald, F.R.G.S., D. M'Alpine, W. G. Piper, H. W. Potts, F.C.S., Dr. C. J. Martin, M.B., G. B. Pritchard, M.A., Mrs. Pritchard, Messrs. D. Sweet, F.G.S., H. J. Sach, F.G.S., R. T. Tisdall, John Watson, Mrs. and Miss Watson, Professor Mica Smith, and Miss J. Knox Smith.

South Australia.—Professor R. Tate, F.R.G.S., Mr. A. B. Moncrieff, M.Ins., I.C.C., Rev. T. Blackburn, Dr. E. H. Rennie, D.Sc., M.A., Mr. W. Howchin, Mr. J. G. Stuckey, Mr. J. Vicars.

Queensland.—Mr. F. J. Bailey, Mr. Charles Blake, Mr. William C. Bick, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Collison, Miss E. A. Fewings, Mr. R. L. Jack, F.G.S. (Government Geologist), Mr. C. H. Hodges, Mr. J. Munday, Mr. P. M'Lean and Mrs. M'Lean, Hon. A. Norton, M.L.C., Mr. R. H. Roe, M.A., and Mrs. Roe, Mr. E. M. Shelton, M.Sc., Mr. J. Shirley, B.Sc., and Mrs. Shirley, Miss Emily Sutter, Mr. H. Tonkys, Mr. James Thompson, Misses Thornber (3), Mr. G. Watkins, Misses M. and E. Walker, and Mr. J. L. Woolcock.

Tasmania.—Professor W. J. Brown, M.A., LL.D., Mr. S. J. Campbell, F.L.S., Mr. R. M. Johnston, Mr. E. M. King, Mr. Alexander Morton, Professor MacAulay, M.A., and Mrs. MacAulay, Mr. J. R. MacClymont, M.A., Mr. Howard Stewart, and Mr. Aug. Simpson.

New Zealand.—Sir James Hector, K.C.M.G., M.D., Mr. George Gray, F.C.S., Professor F. W. Hutton, F.R.S., F.R.G.S., Mr. C. C. Farr, B.Sc., Dr. T. M. Hocken, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., and Mr. G. Hogben.

Country Districts.—Mrs. M. Rees George and Miss George, Mr. L. Hargrave, Dr. and Mrs. Burkitt, Mr. W. Farrar, M.A., Mr. W. H. Thomas, Mr. T. P. Wills Allen, and Mr. A. J. Sach.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

The sectional committees met at 3 p.m. to make preliminary arrangements for the conduct of the session.

MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL.
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

No more fitting place than the Great Hall of the Sydney University could possibly be found for the opening of the session of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science. The general council met here at 4 o'clock, and Mr. H. C. Russell, C.M.G., who was voted to the chair, expressed the hope that the session would be successful.

The election of the sectional officers and the arrangements made for the session were formally confirmed.

The formal election of members then took place.

Upon the motion of Professor M'Aulay (Tasmania), seconded by Mr. T. Howchin (New Zealand), a recommendation committee was appointed, consisting of the president, the permanent general secretary, the past presidents, and the past general secretaries.

Consideration was next given to alterations in certain rules suggested by the Sydney committee. The suggestions were received with favour, and their adoption deferred till the next general meeting of the council.

Mr. William Hamlet, F.I.C., F.C.S., Government Analyst, New South Wales, said that in order to perpetuate the memory of the late Baron Von Mueller concerted action should be taken by the association rather than by individuals. He had frequently heard the wish expressed that something should emanate from the association regarding the memorial. He moved,—"That a committee to deal with the matter be appointed, consisting of Professors Tate and Baldwin Spencer, Messrs. J. J. Bailey, R. M. Johnston, J. H. Maiden, and Alec Morton." The motion was seconded by Professor David, and carried unanimously.

Several reports of research committees were tabled, but their consideration was deferred.

Upon the motion of Mr. Alec Morton (Tasmania), seconded by Mr. R. M. Johnston (Tasmania), it was decided that Tasmania should be the place of meeting for the association in the year 1902.

Professor Liversidge said that when in England he had attended a meeting at which the preparation of an international catalogue of scientific literature had been decided upon. He had promised to help on the movement in Australia. He therefore moved,—"That a committee to deal with the matter be appointed, consisting of Sir James Hector, Professor Tate, Professor Baldwin Spencer, Professor Rennie, Messrs. T. S. Hall, R. L. Jack, T. Howchin, John Shirley, A. Morton, and the mover." The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

The distribution of back volumes to schools of art and local libraries was left in the hands of the local committee.

Professor Liversidge stated that an address had been prepared for presentation to the Queen.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

EVENING SESSION.

The great hall of the University was well filled in the evening, when Professor A. Liversidge, the newly-elected president, delivered an inaugural address. The members of the council of the association occupied seats on the platform, and in the body of the hall were local and visiting scientists and a large number of others interested in the work of the association.

Professor Tate, F.G.S., F.L.S., said that as the junior vice-president of the association it was his pleasing duty to introduce the new occupant of the presidential chair, Professor Liversidge. (Applause.) To the citizens of Sydney Professor Liversidge must be very well known. Perhaps to the members of the association from other colonies some introduction might be necessary, but he did not think so. Professor Liversidge must be held as the father of that scientific movement in Australia. He thought that if he knew the secrets that moved the early efforts of that association Professor Liversidge should have been the first to occupy the presidential chair; but that gentleman had sacrificed himself to nurse his infant, which he had now reared to strong boyhood. He (Professor Liversidge) had two great claims upon them. First of all he had the claim of a distinguished scientist. (Applause.) Anyone who looked to European literature would find how much he was esteemed in the scientific world. Only last year Professor Liversidge was elected one of the vice-presidents of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Apart from his scientific claims, the new president had a claim upon them on account of the interest which he had always taken in the association. (Applause.) He had earned their gratitude, as an earnest of which he (Professor Tate) hoped the new president would take his election to his high office. (Applause.)

The President, who was applauded on rising, expressed his sense of the distinction conferred upon him by his election to the office of president of the association. As he also held the office of secretary his address had been prepared under considerable difficulties, while he was occupied with many other duties, and he asked their forbearance accordingly. He would, in the first instance, say something about the British Association, next about their own association, and afterwards would touch upon certain matters connected with the advancement of science and some more or less recent discoveries in chemistry. Since they last met they had lost three of their most prominent officers. Sir Robert G. C. Hamilton, K.C.B., LL.D., was president of the association of the fourth session held at Hobart in 1892. He did much to promote the advancement of science in Tasmania, and was president of the Royal Society of Tasmania for some years. Baron Sir Ferdinand von Mueller, K.C.M.G., who died last year, was president at the Melbourne session. His work was so great and stupendous as to be beyond the scope of treatment possible in a presidential address. His loss to Australia was a very great one, and the vacancy he had left among botanists here would be hard to fill. In his capacity for work and devotion to it he was one among millions. By the lamented death of Professor Parker they had lost the president-elect for the biological section and their local secretary for New Zealand. Professor Parker's work was probably far better known in Europe and America than it was in Australasia, for the number of people here who could appreciate such work as his was necessarily very limited, but in later generations there would probably be more to do so. Professor Parker had introduced a valuable process for preserving and exhibiting the cartilagenous skeletons of fishes, a process which was now largely used in most museums in all parts of the world. The president referred to the origin of the British Association, which dated from 1831. It had met regularly every year in some town of the United Kingdom, except that it met at Montreal in 1884, and in August last it again met in Canada, this time at Toronto. The Mayor and Corporation of San Francisco had invited the members of the British, the American, and the Australasian associations to meet together at San Francisco after the British and the American Association meetings. The Australasian Association had unfortunately been unable to accept the very cordial invitation. The president went on to deal with the scope of the work and the methods of procedure adopted by the British Association. The results of each of its sessions were printed in the form of an annual report of 1200 or 1500 pages. The peripatetic character of the meetings of the Association was one of its best features, and its visit usually raised the local interest in scientific matters to high-water mark. The Association had since its foundation granted over £63,000 to assist individuals and committees in their researches. In 1899 the British Association was to meet at Dover, and the French Association at Bologne, during the same week, with the express object of an interchange of visits between the two associations. This would do much to make the scientific men of the two countries better acquainted with each other, and, what was of more importance, with each other's work, for the common end—viz., the advancement of science. Referring to the local association, the president outlined its work since its first meeting, held under the presidency of Mr. H. C. Russell in August and September, 1888. He gave a classification of the papers read before the sections at the six meetings which had been held. Among benefits conferred upon science in the colonies they should not overlook the generous gift of Mr. P. N. Russell of £50,000 for the support of the Engineering School. Then there was the bequest made by Sir Thomas Elder to the Adelaide University, £25,000 of which went to support the mining and other schools. A scientific expedition to Central Australia had been despatched by Mr. Horn from Adelaide. Next there was the expedition from the Royal Society of London to investigate the structure of a coral reef by boring, to which this colony contributed liberally. During the past year this had been supplemented by another expedition from Sydney under Professor David, and he thought they should express their pleasure at the success which it had attained. At the last session (Brisbane, 1895) a number of research committees were appointed, some of which would report during the present session. Among these might be mentioned—1. The committee reappointed for the investigation of glacial deposits. 2. The seismological committee. 3. That to consider and report upon the thermo-dynamics of the voltaic cell. 4. The geology, land flora, land fauna, and natural resources generally of the islands and islets of the Great Barrier Reef. 5. The habits of the teredo, and the best means of preserving timber or structures subject to the action of tidal waters. 6. The committee to give effect to the suggestions contained in Sir Samuel Griffith's paper, entitled "A plea for the study of the unconscious vital processes in the life of a community." The Australasian Association had in all published six volumes of reports, each of about 1000 pages, containing much valuable matter; it had appointed 20 committees for the investigation of as many subjects, and all of these had furnished reports of permanent value. It had also granted the sum of £25 towards the ascertainment of the movements of New Zealand glaciers, and £10 towards the cost of the erection at Timaru of the seismological instruments presented by Dr. Von Rebeur-Paschwitz. It had secured (a) from the New Zealand Government that the Little Barrier Island and Resolution Island, Pusky Sound, be reserved as suitable localities for the preservation of native flora and fauna; (b) in response to a recommendation from the 1891 session it was agreed to by the Lords of the Admiralty that the sea between New Zealand and the islands to the north-west of New Zealand on the one hand and Australia and Tasmania on the other be known as the Tasman Sea, and that the name is to be entered on the Admiralty charts; (c) through the instrumentality of the association the New Zealand Government set apart Stephens Island, Cook Strait, as a reserve for the Tuatara lizard; and (d) correspondence had passed between the Governments of Tasmania, New South Wales, New Zealand, and Victoria, in which sympathetic acknowledgment was expressed towards the wishes of the Association in regard to a resolution passed at its last session to bring before the Australian Governments,—"That—1, a system of compulsory notice of infectious diseases be introduced; 2, a system of federal quarantine is desirable; 3, that stock, the milk or flesh of which is intended for consumption, be examined by duly qualified men, and slaughtered if found tuberculous or cancerous." As far as provincial scientific societies and institutions were concerned there were outside of the capital practically none in New South Wales. New Zealand set a good example in this respect. Although the population of New Zealand was smaller than that of New South Wales, it had a scientific society in each of the principal towns, all of which together formed the central body known as the New Zealand Institute. Papers read before the local bodies, if of sufficient importance, were published by the central institute in its transactions. This was an exceptionally wise plan, for the individual societies could not afford to publish separate annual volumes. The president next dealt with the question of the cataloguing of scientific literature. This work was of a most important character, and if carried to a successful issue would be of the utmost benefit to workers in every branch of science. An international conference, at which he had the privilege of being present, was held in London in July, 1896, for the purpose of arranging for an international catalogue of scientific literature. The conference unanimously agreed, on the motion of M. Deniker, representing France, and General Ferrero, representing Italy, that the catalogue should be in English. It was also decided that January 1, 1900, should be fixed as the date of the beginning of the catalogue. The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States had already voted the sum of 10,000dol. per annum for the clerical and other expenses connected with the cataloguing of the scientific publications of the United States, and Australasia should, he thought, do something towards the cataloguing of its scientific publications. He referred to the work of the Imperial Institute, London, and said it was now becoming an institution for the advancement of science. The Scientific Research Department, under Professor W. R. Dunstan, F.R.S., was opened in 1895, and was being supported by grants from various companies. There was also a department for commercial intelligence and collections of minerals and products from India, Canada, Australia, and the other colonies, which were utilised for public instruction. The work of the institution was only just beginning to be known, understood, and appreciated. Among the recent advancements of science might be mentioned the six important volumes recently published by Professor Berthelot, sometime French Minister for Foreign Affairs, since they formed a notable addition to the history of chemistry. He reviewed the opinions expressed by M. Berthelot with regard to the knowledge of chemistry possessed by the early Greek Arab scientists. In 1896 Dr. Stephen H. Emmens claimed to have converted silver into gold, and still claimed to be able to make the conversion, but as the process was secret there was no means of verifying his statements, which had been running the round of most newspapers throughout the world. Mr. E. C. Brice was the second claimant for a process of converting base metals into precious ones, but his process had been proved to be futile. With regard to the question of teaching, the London County Council had appointed a special committee of its Technical Education Board to inquire into the teaching of chemistry. After hearing evidence of witnesses well versed both in the German and English methods, they arrived at the following chief conclusions:—1. That the teaching in schools should be solely of an educational character, and should have no reference to practical, i.e., technical, application in later life. 2. Chemistry, pure and simple, is a most valuable means of education, and requires to be largely imparted by means of laboratory work (i.e., experimental exercises). 3. That too frequent examination of young students gives rise to great evils. 4. The preparation of the technological chemist should extend over several years; it should be of University standard and include original research. As far as Australia was concerned our courses in science and engineering should, he thought, all be of at least four years in length, and then there should be in all subjects special post graduate and honour courses. Australia at present imported most of its scientific men, but it was time that it set about educating its own in greater numbers and providing greater facilities and better equipped laboratories than the existing ones. Students required to be taught not only the principles of science, but also how to observe, how to use their hands, and to reason and think accurately, and to gather their information from various sources, for there were but few, if any, text books so well written as to be of equal value in all parts. And especially should they have time and opportunity for some original or research work, in order that they might enlarge the borders of knowledge, and contribute something, however small, to the common stock. Mere training and teaching for a degree were not sufficient; post-graduate work was essential if they wished to turn out scientific men who would be able to "Advance Australia" by developing its resources and improving the conditions of life. To do this meant expense, and the University greatly needed funds for students' trips, to be held by graduates, so as to help a few of the most promising to spend an additional year or two in doing some real solid work, after they had been duly trained by lectures, laboratory, and other forms of teaching necessary for the first degree. To do this also meant a universal teaching staff. The proportion of professors and other teachers to the number of students taught was much smaller in Australian than in European universities. With regard to more recent scientific work, argon and helium were two of the latest additions to the list of chemical elements, and Sir J. Norman Lockyer had recently named a third "asterium." Argon was discovered about three years ago by Lord Rayleigh and Professor Ramsay. For some time it was thought that argon, although clearly not a compound body, might be a mixture, but the later experiments of Professors Ramsay and Norman Collie had practically proved that argon was a simple substance with an atomic weight of 40. He referred to what had recently been discovered about helium and to what still later had been ascertained of the properties of asterium. Since Faraday's time no very great advance had been made in the liquefaction of gases until 1878, when Cailletet of Paris and Pictet of Geneva almost simultaneously but independently were successful in liquefying oxygen, nitrogen, and other so-called permanent gases. The president dealt with the methods that had recently been employed to liquefy these gases. Fluorine had hitherto resisted all attempts to liquefy it, but Professors Morrison and Dewar succeeded in April last by using liquid oxygen as the refrigerant at 185° below zero. The preparation of artificial gems had long had an attraction for many chemists, and the preparation of the artificial diamond (not imitation) was now an accomplished fact. The president went on to refer briefly to the diffusion of metals, the properties of aluminium, acetylene, and other substances interesting to science. He touched upon the synthesis of alcohol and the preparation of artificial indigo. He had intended, he said, to deal with the phenomena of the Rontgen rays, but as the hour was late he would not do more than mention the subject. For a similar reason he could not do more than mention the subject of agricultural chemistry. He had intended to touch upon the recent researches made upon alloys and metals, upon colour photography, upon advances made in solar and stellar chemistry, and upon the occurrence and distribution of the rare elements; but he would have to pass them over. He could only mention among recent benefactions to science the magnificent gift of the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory made by Mr. Mond, the new laboratories at the Liverpool University College, the gift of Mr. Gossage, and the great bequest of Mr. Alfred Nobel for the encouragement of scientific research. In conclusion, he sincerely trusted that non-resident members would have no cause to regret their sixth visit to Sydney, and that the session would be a profitable one to all concerned, and especially that the work of the meeting would distinctly mark an advancement in science in Australasia. (Loud Applause.)

Professor Kernot moved, and Sir James Hector seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the president for his address. It was carried by acclamation.

The visitors were then entertained at an "at home" by Professor Liversidge. Refreshments were served in two large marquees, and the opportunity afforded for social intercourse was eagerly availed of.

The following arrangements have been made for to-day:—

10 a.m.—Sectional committees meet.

10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Presidential addresses. Section A: Mr. P. Baracchi, F.R.A.S., "Astronomy and Terrestrial Physics." Section D (biology): Professor C. J. Martin, M.B., D.S.C. Section C: Professor F. W. Hutton, F.R.S., F.G.S., "Early Life on the Earth." Section J: Mr. J. Shirley, B.Sc., "The Influence of English History upon English Literature."

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Presidential addresses. Section E: Sir James Hector, K.C.M.G., M.D., F.R.S., on "Submarine Geography." Section H: Mr. A. B. Moncrieff, M.I.C.E., M.A.M. Soc. C.E., "Notes on some recent engineering experiences." Section G: Mr. R. M. Johnston, F.L.S., F.S.S., "Consumable Wealth: Comparative share of consumable wealth actually appropriated or absorbed by the various agencies engaged in its production." Section I: Hon. A. Campbell, M.L.C., L.R.C.P., L.F.P.S., "Aspects of Public Health Legislation in Australia."

4 p.m.—Mrs. H. C. Russell's "at home" at the Observatory.

LUNCHEON ON BOARD THE EMILE RENOUF.

Yesterday afternoon Captain Joseph Boju, of the French ship Emile Renouf, at present lying at Moore's Wharf, Miller's Point, gave a luncheon on board his handsome vessel to woolbuyers and woolshippers, as some recognition of the patronage accorded to his ship in the matter of cargo of our staple product. It may be mentioned that the Emile Renouf is quite a new addition to the French mercantile marine, having been launched in May of last year, and she has only recently completed her maiden voyage from Havre to Sydney, via Noumea, which latter port she reached after a run of 95 days. The Emile Renouf is a vessel of 2450 tons register, and capable of stowing between 14,000 and 15,000 bales of wool, and at present she is loading 11,000 bales for Dunkirk, irrespective of other cargo. The invitation to luncheon, which was given by Captain Boju on behalf of the owners, was accepted by about 50 representatives of firms interested in wool, and among those present were the following:—Messrs. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., and Jefferson (A. M'Arthur and Co.), Jules Renard (Lieneux and Lamerand), Picard Goulet, fils (Becret and Antoine), Sinclair (Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.), G. Playoust and J. Playoust, Vincent Filpo (Henry Caulhez), Moore and Hope (Harrison, Jones, and Devlin), Austin (Hick, Martin, and Drysdale), Captain Berrill and Mr. Benson (Sydney Stevedoring and Wool Dumping Company), G. Moxham and George H. Moxham, J. Rhodes (Thomas Elliott and Co.), E. Carette, Jean Buert, F. Brown, Clarence Bridge (John Bridge and Co.), Cunningham (Australian Mortgage and Agency Company), C. Hogard, F. and C. Funck and Co., Mr. Boivin (representing M. Biard d'Aunet, French Consul), and F. Puech (of the Bank of New South Wales). The chair was occupied by M. Playoust, and after ample justice had been done he proposed in felicitous terms the health of Captain Boju, coupled with the name of his wife, who is with him on the present voyage. Captain Boju feelingly responded, and took the opportunity of warmly thanking Sydney shippers for the encouragement they had given to his vessel upon her first visit to Sydney. Mr. M'Millan then proposed "Success to the Emile Renouf." He said he understood that the ship was a company by itself, and it was certainly large enough to form one. They had every reason to congratulate themselves upon being there to-day to wish God-speed to Captain Boju and his good lady on their voyage to the other side of the world, because, while they read of wars and rumours of war, it was satisfactory to find that the representatives of two of the greatest nations in the world could meet in this informal way and enjoy luncheon together. (Hear, hear.) He thought the gathering was typical of the strong commercial relations which existed between France and England, and he trusted that in the future the principles of humanity would prove too strong for ambitious statesmen and diplomatists, and that such a network of commerce would be formed throughout the world that men who attempted to precipitate such a calamity as war would be considered as an enemy to the human race. (Hear, hear.) It was only natural that every nation should try to increase its commerce. For a number of years we had had uninterrupted peace, during which time the march of science, commerce, and civilisation had been going on, and it was not astonishing that the commercial relations of the different nations had been moving by leaps and bounds. The outcome of all this was that the outlying and semi-civilised parts of the world must ultimately be brought into the great comity of nations, and that the world must eventually become one vast commercial enterprise. (Hear, hear.) Such a consummation would be a guarantee of the peace of the world in years to come. (Hear, hear.)

The toast was cordially honoured, and the proceedings terminated shortly afterwards.

THE WRECK OF THE MINORA.

Nearly all the interest that is being taken in the disaster to the brig Minora has reference to the query, "Has the steamer Tangier any of the shipwrecked men on board?" It will be remembered that a steamer, now supposed to have been the Tangier, was reported by the master of the foundered brig, Captain Gallant, to have stood by during the night of Saturday, and then to have cleared away at daylight on Sunday. Captain Gallant, who is the only known survivor from the wreck, though suffering from the effect of his immersion, is confident that a steamer did stand by. The result of inquiries made in Sydney amongst steamship masters is that, admitting the Tangier was the vessel and that she picked up any of the men, the master of the steamer would have signalled the fact at South Head. More than that, as he was bound on a voyage of nearly 2000 miles to Fremantle, he would of a certainty have landed the men here, and not carried them on in their destitute condition. It will be 10 days before the Tangier can arrive at her destination to give an account of her trip, but the worst is feared with regard to the missing six men from the Minora. In connection with the loss of the vessel an impression seemed to be entertained that the Minora was uninsurable—that, in other words, she was too old and too frail a craft for any insurance office to take as a risk. On inquiry this is found to be quite an erroneous impression. On the contrary, she was regarded as a very fair risk indeed, and would have been acceptable to almost any of the companies. Speaking with a prominent marine underwriter yesterday a "Herald" reporter was informed that the brig was partly insured until quite lately, when the part-owner intentionally allowed the policy to lapse, so satisfied was he of the seaworthiness of the vessel, there having been spent upon her nearly £1000 when she was docked in the Jubilee Dock here. The marine surveyors who then surveyed her found the vessel to be a sound though somewhat old craft, and her timbers in a wonderfully sound state, and they now hold a strong opinion that the Minora never "opened out" unless she struck something harder than salt water, but that her sudden foundering, were it possible to send a diver down to examine her, would prove to have been caused by one of her bow ports falling out. She was built with large bow ports for loading and discharging timber cargoes, and it is the lashings which hold these ports in position that are believed to have parted. The secretary of the Shipwreck Relief Society, himself a master mariner, has been attending to the matter of looking after the relatives of the missing men, and though until the arrival at Fremantle of the Tangier definitely settles the question of rescue in her case, nothing much will be undertaken by the society. The secretary shares the rather general belief that the men are lost, and that Captain Gallant was mistaken in what he is reported to have seen during his terrible experience after his vessel sank.

ABORIGINES' PROTECTION BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Aborigines' Protection Board was held yesterday. There were present—Messrs. E. Fosbery (chairman), R. H. D. White, W. H. Suttor, M.L.C., J. See, M.L.A., J. R. Hill, U. W. Carpenter, and G. E. Ardill. Satisfactory reports for December were received from the managers of the aboriginal stations on the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Barwon. A tender was accepted for fencing round the reserve of seven acres occupied by aborigines at La Perouse. It was decided to purchase fencing wire for the Warangesda station, and a farm block of 30 acres was allowed an aborigine on the Murray.

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS AT TAREE.

REPLY TO MR. LYNE.

TAREE, Thursday.

The Minister for Works (Mr. Young) addressed a very large and influential meeting of his constituents at the Belmore Hall last evening. Mr. Charles Boyce, J.P., was in the chair.

Mr. Young, who was exceedingly well received, dealt at some length with the various protectionist arguments used by the leader of the Opposition, who, it will be remembered, made a visit here in November. He characterised them as the same old musty and fusty arguments which had been shown to be fallacious at several elections in the past, and which actual results since the introduction of free-trade had proved to be utterly false. He quoted official reports and statistics to show that under free-trade we had more factories in existence employing more men than ever was the case before, that the condition of the people generally had immensely improved, that the unemployed had practically disappeared from our midst, and that there were fewer properly called relief works going on now than had been the case for many years, while in point of utility these few works now going on which could be classed as works of relief were of a much more useful character than the Shea's Creek Canal, which was going on in the time of Mr. Lyne, was ever likely to be. Mr. Young was loudly cheered when he stated that he quite expected Mr. Lyne's visit to give him a largely increased majority at the coming general elections, and he proceeded to deal with that gentleman's statements about the harbour works and the North Coast railway. He characterised as "sublime impudence" Mr. Lyne having taken credit to himself when here for the initiation of the former of these works, and then almost immediately after his return to Sydney charging him (Mr. Young) with "diabolical bribery" for having done so. Mr. Young said he regretted extremely that the visit of the Railway Commissioners for the purpose of reporting on the railway occurred at such an inopportune time, when they must have seen the district and the other districts through which the line would pass in perhaps the worst condition they had been in for years; but he congratulated the people on the fact that since then a very copious and sufficient rainfall had occurred, which had brought about such a change that when the Public Works Committee visited them, which they probably would do next month, the appearance of the country would be all that could be desired. Mr. Young concluded his address, which lasted for an hour and a half, by saying that in a few months more he would once more appear before them as a candidate for their suffrages. He would do so with much confidence, because he conscientiously felt he had done his utmost in their interests and for the good of the country generally, and if he appeared before them then, as he fully expected, as a member of a still existing Ministry, presided over by his right honourable colleague, Mr. G. H. Reid, his confidence of re-election would be increased tenfold, because that gentleman had shown himself in the councils of Australasia, and it may be said in the councils of the Empire, a fit man to hold the chief position in a free and enlightened community such as this.

Mr. Adam Therkes, J.P., moved, and Mr. John Abbott, J.P., seconded, in eulogistic terms, a resolution of continued confidence in Mr. Young as representative of the district, which was carried unanimously amid cheers.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

David Smith, of Woomargama. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Alexander Henry Young, of the Namoi, near Manilla, miner. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Robert Jones Mackenzie, of Parramatta, accountant. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.

In Equity.—Master's Office, before the Deputy Registrar in Equity: At 11 a.m., re W. M. Christian, deceased, to tax costs; at 2 p.m., Dawson v. Dardanelli, to tax costs. Prothonotary's Office, before the Chief Clerk.—Luker v. Hegarty, 11; Luker v. Patterson, 11.15.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10 a.m.: Examination under section 30, John Alexander Taylor. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 2.10 p.m.: Re M'Kenzie, to settle minutes of order. At 2.20 p.m.: Re M'Mahon, taxation of debtor's costs. At 2.30: Re Taylor, taxation of official assignee's costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, January 7.
(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.)
In Chambers.—At 12 noon: Interpleader, Leisner v. Leefson and another, Leisner claimant.

POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. Smithers, S.M., committed for trial Samuel Bennett, 35, and John Murphy, 19, on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Henry Johnson.

Attempted Thefts.—Yesterday at the Central Police Court Alfred Fagan, 29, for attempting to steal £2 14s 9d from Hector M'Leod, a farmer, at present residing at Drummoyne, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The accused was arrested by Constable M'Atamney after an exciting chase. A boy named Arthur Miller for attempting to steal from a person unknown was sent to the Carpenteria Reformatory.

Theft.—William M'Laren, 28, was sentenced at the Central Police Court yesterday to six months' imprisonment for the theft of silesia, sheeting, and mosquito nets worth £7 17s 2d belonging to A. M'Arthur and Co., and to a similar term, cumulative, for the theft of £6 17s 6d worth of goods belonging to Robert Reid and Co. Accused said he had been drinking and gambling, and thus got into debt.

Theft of Cow-tails.—In the Charge Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., John Lorenson, 17, was charged with stealing about 50lb. of cow-tails, valued at 25s, the property of Frederick Earle Winchcombe and others, trading as Winchcombe, Carson, and Co. Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined 40s, in default 21 days' imprisonment.

Theft of Money.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Mary Yorkey, aged 55, was charged with having stolen 9s, the property of John Pauley, at Five Dock, on the 4th instant. The accused pleaded not guilty. The evidence showed that Pauley, the accused, and another man were in an hotel at Five Dock. They went outside and sat down. Pauley stated that he felt the woman's hand in his pocket and shortly afterwards he missed 9s. He gave the accused into custody. The accused stoutly denied taking any money. When she was searched at the station nothing was found on her. Constable Harlet gave her a good character. She was ordered to imprisoned, with hard labour, for seven days.

Theft from a Shop.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Sarah Wilson, aged 61, was charged with having stolen a piece of cotton shirting of the value of 15s, the property of Messrs. Grace Brothers, of the Glebe. She was ordered to be imprisoned for two months.

Cruelty to a Horse.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Samuel Armager, aged 33, pleaded guilty to having illtreated a horse by working it whilst suffering from a sore fetlock. A fine of 10s, in default 24 hours' gaol, was imposed.

Breaking and Entering.—Mr. F. W. Edwards, S.M., sat on the bench at the Paddington Police Court yesterday, when Frank Glynn, or Glen, age 28, labourer, and John M'Lean, age 29, shoemaker, on remand, were brought up on a series of charges committed in Oxford-street, Paddington, on the evening of New Year's Day. The first charge was that of breaking and entering the dwelling-house of George Mortimer, butcher, 304 Oxford-street, Paddington, with intent to commit a felony. Accused were also charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of John Papps, of 310 Oxford-street, Paddington, on the same date, and stealing therefrom the sum of £2 5s. The third charge consisted of assaulting Plain-clothes Constable Davoren in order to prevent their lawful apprehension. Accused, who made no statement and reserved their defence, were committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions, to be held on the 27th instant. Bail was refused in the first two charges, and in the third was granted, each in £80 and two sureties of £40 each.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at headquarters, Philip-street, on Wednesday, 5th instant. In the absence of the president Mrs. Ward took the chair, and gave a short address from Ephesians iii., 14-21. Miss Marwick, corresponding secretary, presented the correspondence. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. W. E. Wilson. The financial statement was read by the hon. treasurer, and showed a balance in hand of £2. Mrs. Burgess reported the work done in the Sabbath observance department. Sister Reay spoke of the evil effects of drinking habits among some of the people she met in her visits in the lower parts of the city. Mothers' meetings were discussed, and it was decided to postpone the opening of a new centre until the return of the president. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the victims of intemperance.

AMATEUR FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The weekly meeting of the Amateur Fishermen's Association of New South Wales was held on Tuesday night in the Temperance Hall. Mr. A. Spain presided. Attention was drawn to the destruction of small red bream and whiting by netting during the week on the Spit, Middle Harbour, and several members referred to the quality of fish taken from the cold-storage room at Woolloomooloo Market and sold in the suburbs. Steps will be taken to draw the attention of the authorities to these matters. The annual meeting of the association will be held next Tuesday evening in the Temperance Hall.

FRY'S MALTED COCOA.—"Strongest and best." Health.—Advt.

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Eczema, Psoriasis, and irritating Skin Disfigurements. Shilling bottles of Sulpholine the English Lotion.—Advt.

NEWS BY THE MAIL.

An issue of "Kladderadatsch," the German "Punch," has been confiscated for containing a cartoon entitled "From the Camp of the Heavenly Hosts," and representing Alexander the Great, Leonidas, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon reading the last speech of the Emperor William to the recruits.

The Athens press (a "Standard" telegram says) unanimously approves the severity of the Commission of Inquiry into the conduct of the late war, in dismissing from the services those officers who have been convicted of grave errors. It is believed that about one hundred officers will be either dismissed or punished.

The Washington correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" telegraphs:—The Dingley Tariff Law falls far short of producing revenue enough to meet the expenses of government. The law has been in operation more than four months, and each month there has been a deficiency varying from £700,000 to nearly £3,000,000. Some of the most experienced Treasury officials believe the law will fail to provide a revenue sufficient for the needs of government, and fall far short of the calculations made by Mr. Dingley at the time of its passage. On the basis of the present figures, the Treasury estimate that the deficit for the fiscal year will be £13,000,000.

The successor to Baron Pollock on the Judicial Bench is Sir Walter Phillimore, Bart. The new Judge is a prominent Liberal, and although he has never sat in the House of Commons, he has been, like his father before him, a devoted follower of Mr. Gladstone. Sir Walter was born in 1845. His father was Sir Robert Phillimore, formerly Dean of the Arches and Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

The winter has begun badly for the old and the weak-chested. Last week's fog sent the number of deaths in London up to 1794, an aggregate which has been exceeded in only four weeks of the present year. During the last two months the death-rate in London has very steadily risen from a rate of 15·3 to 21·0 per thousand per annum. What that means may be best gathered, perhaps, from the statement that whereas in the first week of October the deaths were fewer than 200 a day, at the end of November they were over 250 a day. In other words, for every four deaths in the beginning of October there were five at the end of November.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—In accordance with a report submitted by the Minister of the Interior, the Czar has authorised the opening of a general subscription throughout Russia on behalf of all the necessitous inhabitants of Crete, without distinction or nationality.

Twenty-five miners from Dawson City arrived at Victoria, British Columbia, on November 28, bringing £10,000 in gold dust and drafts for a million dollars. Their holdings are valued at £3,000,000. They report that 700 Dawson miners have gone down the river to Fort Yukon to escape starvation, and that 200 more are determined to reach the coast by the overland trail. Two men have been shot at Dawson City while stealing food, and on October 15 £10 a sack was refused for flour.

The Sumatra, from Hongkong, reached England on November 28, having on board Mrs. Carew, who was convicted of poisoning her husband in Japan. She was in charge of ex-Sergeant Phelps and a wardress, and was kept during the voyage strictly confined to her cabin, although in other respects she was treated as a saloon passenger. She was not allowed to speak to other passengers on board, and was, of course, kept under strict surveillance.

With regard to the situation in West Africa, the "Temps" says:—"No one in France uses any other language than that employed by the 'Standard' when discussing the only means to which France and Great Britain should have recourse. It is to be hoped that the negotiations will be successful; but if they should fail, the two countries can submit the matter to arbitration, and thus preserve their good relations."

The following is believed to be President M'Kinley's foreign policy (says an authoritative "Daily News" telegram) during the approaching session of Congress:—(1) Hawaiian annexation; (2) An ultimatum to Spain, giving her another year in which to pacify Cuba and restore normal conditions on the island, with notice that if this is not done by January 1, 1899, the United States will feel bound to interfere for the protection of its own business interests.

After the declaration of the P. and O. dividend and bonus (says the "Home News") the splendid report which had been issued in anticipation of the annual meeting next Friday will cause no surprise. Not only are the directors able to make a larger return to the proprietors, but they have added £250,000 to the reserve, thus bringing it up to three-quarters of a million sterling. This has all been accomplished in the teeth of the adverse conditions imposed by famine, plague, and frontier troubles.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company announces that its steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse left New York on November 23 on her third homeward trip. She passed Sandy Hook lightship at 4.47 p.m., and passed the Needles at 3.10 p.m. November 29. Her passage occupied 5 days 17 hours 28 minutes. She stayed 25 minutes beside a burning ship, which makes the actual steaming record 5.17.3. This beats her own Eastern record of 5.15.20 to the Eddystone, and surpasses that of any other steamer.

The Russian War Minister has decided to found a Chair for the purpose of having the Hindustani tongue taught to officers in Turkestan. The pupils are encouraged by the prospect of being sent to India to complete their studies if at the examinations which will take place at the conclusion of the course they attain a certain standard of proficiency.

Arthur Sturrock, the Kilmarnock banker and solicitor, who embezzled over £20,000 and absconded to Australia, was sentenced at the Edinburgh High Court on November 27. He pleaded guilty to 18 charges of fraud and to two of forgery, and was sentenced by Lord Justice Clerk Macdonald to 10 years' penal servitude.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

On November 29 Alderman Sir George Faudel-Phillips, the late Lord Mayor, as treasurer of the Mansion House Relief Fund, made a final remittance of £2553 to the central committee of the Indian Famine Fund at Calcutta. This makes a total amount sent to India from the Mansion House of £543,366. The fund, which is now closed, has been in existence nearly 11 months.

GREAT GALES AND FLOODS.—HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

A gale which began on Saturday night (November 27) continued with great violence on most parts of the coast on Monday and Tuesday. At Margate the Marine Palace was entirely destroyed, and the damage is estimated at £50,000; whilst at Westgate the sea front is practically demolished. The pier at Broadstairs was swept away, and the sea-wall at Deal was breached. At Yarmouth a considerable part of the town was flooded, and a similar state of things is reported from Lowestoft and other places on the east coast. At Scarborough the new sea-wall has been shattered by the waves. The mail steamers which crossed from Dover on Monday were unable to enter Calais Harbour, and had to return. The Ostend steamers had fearful passages, and were many hours overdue. At Woolwich Arsenal two powder magazines were in danger of inundation through the abnormal high tide, and the troops in garrison were sent for to assist. Several factories were flooded. At Sheerness the troops were called out to repair the sea-walls, in which breaches had been made by the sea, and a great part of the town was flooded. A perilous adventure was experienced by a party of artillerymen who put off from Shoeburyness to the help of some comrades. Carried out to sea themselves, they were eventually rescued by a Hull steamer, after being in an open boat for five hours. Chatham and Rochester were in darkness on Monday owing to the flooding of the gasworks. At Great Yarmouth 30 lives are known to have been lost from wrecked or distressed vessels, and at Lowestoft five lives are reported as lost from one vessel. Nine lives were lost off Margate yesterday morning through the capsizing of the surf boat Friend of All Nations.

A NEGRO LYNCHED BY A PLANTER.

A terrible story of crime and revenge is contained in a despatch from Evergreen, Alabama, which is quoted by the New York correspondent of the "Daily Mail." A cotton planter tortured to death a negro named Coot King, accused of committing a fiendish assault on his daughter, a girl of 18. A party of neighbours captured the negro and brought him to the enraged father, who declared he would lynch the brute himself, and refused all offers of assistance. After keeping the negro a close prisoner all day, Ellis finally led him to a swamp, tied him to a tree, then seizing a gun fired charge after charge of buckshot into his body, each time avoiding a vital spot. The tortured negro shrieked with agony as the blood poured from his gaping wounds, and vainly begged for death. When his victim became unconscious Ellis fired a final charge, killing the wretch, whose body was then thrown into the swamp to serve as carrion. A large crowd witnessed the awful tragedy. King's brothers are trying to create an uprising among the negroes, and the whites are greatly alarmed, and fear trouble. In the message to the State Legislature the Governor of Virginia recommended the passing of a law imposing a fine of 200dol. for each 1000 inhabitants in each city and county of the State of Virginia where lynching was permitted, and also exemplary punishment for officers of the law who, having charge of prisoners, allowed the mob to wrest them from lawful custody.

KAISER WILLIAM'S NAVY SCHEME.

The German Navy Bill, so long expected, has now been officially published. The Berlin correspondent of the "Daily News" states that it is very cleverly drawn up, making a show of moderation that cannot but produce a good impression on the population. With insignificant modifications it will probably find a majority in the Reichstag. The Government, in the new bill, fixes the strength to be attained by the German navy after the lapse of seven years, that is to say, in the spring of 1905, as follows:—Seventeen battleships, eight coast defence vessels, nine large and 26 smaller cruisers, in addition to a reserve of two battleships, three large and four smaller cruisers. According to the showing of the Government the effective strength of the navy on April 1, 1898, will be 12 battleships, eight coast defence vessels, 10 large cruisers, and 23 small. It is evident, therefore, that seven new battleships, two large and seven small cruisers will have to be built, the estimated cost of which, including armaments, is set down as £8,250,000. When to this is added £10,500,000 for the replacing of vessels that have reached the limit of age provided by law, and £5,500,000 arrears of instalments for those already in building, a total of about £25,000,000 is obtained—a sum it is proposed to spend within the next six years. The Government demand on an average about £3,000,000 per year for the building of the new ships. As to where the money is to come from, what little the Government says is evidently calculated to lull the taxpayer. It states that in the opinion of the Federal Governments this project can be carried out without new taxes or a great loan being necessary. On the contrary, the Government boldly assumes that it will be possible to cover the expenditure from the yearly surplus of the revenues.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—January 6.

Taviuni, s., 1465 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, from Auckland, via Friendly, Navigators', and Fiji islands. Passengers—Miss Simmonds, Sister Marie St. Peter, Mrs. Smith and son, Messrs. Mostyn, Henry Marks, and Armstrong, Dr. Burke, Messrs. Fisher and Williams. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Warrego, s., 1351 tons, Captain J. B. S. Medley, from Burketown. Passengers—Mesdames Hodell and child, Kelly, Skertchley, Misses Hunter, Bell, M'Lennan, D. Kent, Pain, Messrs. H. Thomas, Mangan, Toll, W. Stacey, Kelly, Pain, Reeves, Read, Langford, Kersey, D. Spence, Donovan, Lister, Newell, Smith, E. Cunningham, Pring, Pratt, Clough, Whittaker, York, Tripp, Hellings, Pickering, Holmes, Beale, Deitchmann, Webb, Johnson, Smith, M'Pherson, A. Thompson, Patterson, Kinnamont, Smith, Griffiths, Jervis, Vale, Kerr, Bellhouse, Skertchley, Rev. Father Julian, Masters Johnston (2), and 25 in second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 295 tons, Captain Edward Farrell, from Richmond River January 5. Passengers—Mesdames Hunter, King, Cowell, Ireland, Loutit, Misses Garretty, M. Garretty, Victorsen, Hogan, Hart, Ireland, Loutit, Mills, Kettleby, Woods, Master Andrews, Messrs. A. Cameron, A. J. Fenwick, A. E. Racy, C. Hope, H. Davis, J. Turner, F. Mills, F. F. Hunter, B. Green, T. Cawley, and 21 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie, s., 507 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports, 5th instant. Passengers—Mesdames Windsor, Blaxter, Astill, Robins, Misses Barker, Bauer, Consemacker, Messrs. Wragge, Miller, Blaxter, Robins, Murray, Devereux, Pettit, Edwards, Kendell, Hall, M'Donald, Phillip, Spence, Jaggers, Hazell, Lester, and 17 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kallatina, s., 680 tons, Captain John Magee, from Clarence River January 5. Passengers—Mesdames Bray, Campbell, Mitchell, Eaton, Butler, Wilkinson, Thomas, Parden, Walsh, Phillips, Barling, Ward, Misses Thomas, Gregg, E. Small, Mitchell, Burne, Laing, Hunter, Saunders, Maud Smith, Chandley, Stuart, Morai, M'Kittrick, W. Barling, Till, M. Barling, A. Till, Bridger, Eaton, Messrs. W. W. Schrader, Mangan, T. J. Brown, F. R. Smith, A. A. Smith, J. Mitchell, B. Barling, A. Gilbert, J. Quain, H. White, E. Dean, W. F. Muir, C. S. Childe, C. J. M'Neil, Masters Campbell, Butler, Mitchell, and 11 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Oaklands, s., 508 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River, January 5. Passengers—Mesdames Flowers, Matterson, Greer, and Dick, Misses M'Namara, Stewart, Greer, and Dick, Messrs. Flowers, Greer, M'Intyre, Schroder (2), Pratt, Quelch, and Palmer, Master Yeager; 8 in the steerage. W. T. Yeager, agent.

Peregrine, s., 1860 tons, Captain J. Pain, from Brisbane. Passengers—Mesdames Shand, Morris and child, Baker, Cubitt, W. Cabrill, Messrs. Taylor, Brown, White, Artramett, J. Artramett, Grant, M'Donell, Sinclair, C. Morris, J. Morris, R. Hall, Hand, Clemett, G. Clemett, W. Baker, W. H. Baine, H. Webb, C. Webb, C. Treshet, T. Clayton, S. Williams, J. Williams, G. Ellis, Miss Were, S. Cabitt, Captain J. G. Little, and 53 in the steerage. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Argus, s., 2792 tons, Captain M'Donald, from Calcutta, via ports. Cowlishaw Brothers, agents.

Barrumbeet, s., 2429 tons, Captain A. H. Thorpe, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Tarawera, s., 2003 tons, Captain H. J. Richardson, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Maori King, s., 3657 tons, Captain Priske, from Newcastle. David Anderson, agent.

Peru, barque, 683 tons, Captain Luke, from Mauritius. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Annie Thomas, ship, 1907 tons, Captain Thomas, from Port Pirie December 17, in ballast. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Firth of Stronsa, barque, 1211 tons, Captain Craig, from Glasgow September 27. Mason Brothers, Limited, agents.

Macleay, s., 398 tons, Captain James Pearse, from Richmond River, January 4. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—January 6.

Rio, barquentine, for Napier, via Newcastle.
Kathleen Hilda, barque, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
Hawea, s., for Suva.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—January 7.

Tekapo, s., for Launceston, via Eden; Barrumbeet, s., for Melbourne; Warrego, s., for Normanton and Burketown, via ports; Electra, s., for Richmond River; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers, for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, and Ulladulla; Oakland, s., for Richmond River, via Newcastle; Namoi, s., for Newcastle; South Australian, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—January 6.

Undaunted, barque, 1647 tons, Captain Olsen, for San Francisco.
Rio, barquentine, 280 tons, Captain J. Dunn, for Napier, via Newcastle, in ballast.
Kathleen Hilda, barque, 520 tons, Captain M. M'Kenzie, for Auckland, via Newcastle, in ballast. Passengers—Mrs. M'Kenzie and 2 children, Miss M'Kenzie.
Hawea, s., 1750 tons, Captain J. Abrams, for Suva. Passengers—Mrs. Williams, Master Williams.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—January 6.

Defender, ketch, Captain T. Luxer, for Broken Bay; Allen Gordon, schooner, Captain W. Farmer, for Broken Bay.

IMPORTS.—January 6.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Firth of Stronsa, barque, from Glasgow: 3980 cases 50 sacks 300 quarter-casks 20 hogsheads and 30 octaves whisky, 555 cases and 75 hogsheads ale, 102 cases and 11 quarter-casks brandy, 400 packages white lead, 1105 packages paint, 840 kegs red lead, 120 cases pickles, 370 tons pigiron, 275 pipes, 525 cases fish, 487 stoves, 5846 camp ovens and covers, 251 cases herrings, 137 sinks and parts, 25 cases burns, 30 cases grates, 100 casks castings, 15 casks fireclay, 23,000 fireclay bricks, 158 pots, 93 cases beer, 8290 tubes, 199 cases coffee essence, 100 kegs chlorate of potash, 18 packages furniture, 289 cases cornflour, 100 cases ginger wine, 74 cases castor oil, 314 packages earthenware, 17 crates bowls, 63 casks oil, 190 bars steel, 70 bundles iron sheets, 509 steel plates, 75 bags rivets, 20 tanks malt, 168 bales and 380 cases paper, 34 ranges, 90 cases Epsom salts, 320 pipes, 32 wheels, 37 cases stationery, 38 furnace pans, 413 steel angles, 400 steel bars, 45 rolls sacking, 150 bags nails, 525 wheels and axles, 10 cases bathbrick, 50 kegs spikes, 50 bundles sheet iron, 5081 bars 261 bundles and 1030 packages iron, 4 packages colour, and sundries.

Warrego, s., from Burketown, via ports: 298 bags ore, 664 hides, 20 bags bones, &c., 21 casks tallow, 1184 bunches bananas, 93 pieces cedar, 12 bales skins, 461 cases pines, 62 bales wool, 55 bags pumpkins, 1160 bags 160 sacks sugar, 24 cases preserved meats, and a large quantity of sundries.

Taviuni, s., from South Sea Islands: 5216 sacks copra, 1535 sacks maize, 29 sacks fungus, 4 sacks candlenut, 65 sacks cocoanuts, 40 sacks peanuts, 25 sacks beche-de-mer, 480 cases oranges, 4 cases fruit, 43 packages sundries.

Peru, barque, from Mauritius: 13,647 bags sugar.

Allowrie, s., from Eden: 1222 cheese, 1781 cases butter, 11 kegs butter, 41 cans cream, 138 bales wool, 348 bags maize, 318 bags bark, 13 cases eggs, 47 hides, 5 casks tallow, 56 pigs, 5 calves, 1 horse, and sundries.

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 34 sacks sugar, 394 bags sugar, 12 bags oysters, 30 bags potatoes, 12 cases honey, 29 cases eggs, 10 cases fruit, 1 case fish, 1 cask tallow, 1 coop poultry, 6 cases pork, 20 hides, 448 boxes butter, 3 kegs butter, 6000ft. boxwood, 17 pigs, 6000ft. sawn timber, and sundries.

Kallatina, s., from Clarence River: 54 bags maize, 5 bags skins, 28 bags bark, 4 bags vegetables, 1 bag pumpkins, 6 bags potatoes, 2 bales wool, 7 calves, 163 cases eggs, 5 cases honey, 5 cases fruit, 15 cases fish, 3 casks tallow, 3 crates and 18 coops poultry, 1 horse, 96 hides, 515 boxes and 2 kegs butter, 2 cans cream, 54 watermelons, 96 pieces cedar, 19 pigs, 5000 spokes, quantity hardwood, and sundries.

Peregrine, s., from Brisbane: 130 bags hides, 20 bags shanks, 130 cases meat, 20 drums sulfuro, 20 cases apples, 60 bags pumpkins, 30 empty cases, 34 cases fruit, 210 cases pines, 2500 bags sugar, 11 casks tallow, 29 bags horns, 15 bags hair, 15 bales kangarooskins, 110 bales wool, 151 bunches bananas, 220 hides, 24 cases extract of meat, 20 empties, 110 cases sundries, 1 boat and gear, 67oz. gold, 110 bales wool.

EXPORTS.—January 6.

Undaunted, barque, for San Francisco: 2615 tons coal.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: January 6, Burwah, s., Cintra, s., from Sydney; Arawatta, s., from Cooktown, via ports; Konoowarra, s., from Rockhampton. The Teinan, s., from Sydney, from Hongkong, called at Moreton Bay to-day.

BUNDABERG.—Departure: January 5, Croydon, s., for Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arrival: January 6, Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: January 6, Omi Maru, s., from Sydney. Departures: January 6, Jumna, R.M.S., for Brisbane; Barrabool, s., for Sydney; Omi Maru, s., for Japan.

CAIRNS.—Arrival: January 6, Wodonga, s., from Brisbane. Departure: January 6, Wodonga, s., for Cooktown. The R.M.S. Duke of Westminster, for London from Brisbane, passed Port Archer to-day.

YAMBA.—Arrival: January 6, City of Grafton, s., from Sydney, at 4.30 a.m.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: January 6, Williams, s., from Port Stephens; Robert Searles, schooner, from Melbourne; Namoi, s., Birksgate, s., Kolya, s., Balmain, s., Merksworth, s., Augusta, s., Sophia Ann, s., Amy, Prospero, brigs, Malcolm, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: January 6, Ashley, s., for Melbourne, with 3040 tons coal; Tarawera, s., for Wellington, via Sydney, with 550 tons coal; Augusta, s., for Byron Bay; Birksgate, s., for Noumea, with 50 head cattle; Saint Louis, s., for Lyttelton, with 1820 tons coal; Lindus, s., for Adelaide, with 2200 tons coal; Balmain, s., Western, s., Merksworth, s., Saxonia, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 6, Celtic King, s., at 7.30 a.m., Tagliaferro, s., at 9.50 a.m., Barcoo s., at 4.30 p.m., west; Oonah, s., at 12.30 p.m., south.

QUEENSCLIFFE LOOKOUT.—Departure: January 6, R.M.S. Orova, for Sydney, at 3.40 p.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: January 6, Armand Behic, s., from Marseilles; Coogee, s., from Launceston; Aramac, s., from Sydney. Departures: January 6, Armand Behic, s., Morayshire, s., Culgoa, s., and Industry, s., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: January 6, Wollowra, s., from Melbourne; Vallada, s., from Melbourne; Flinders, s., from Esperance Bay; Kadina, s., from Newcastle; Bremen, s., from Sydney. Departures: Royal Sovereign, Italian ship, for the Friendly Islands; M'Near, ship, for Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: January 6, Maritta, s., from Fremantle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: January 6, Franklin, s., at 12.20 p.m., north.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrivals: January 6, Lady Franklin, schooner, at 7.15 a.m., Tomki, s., at 7.35 a.m., from Sydney. 11ft. on bar and 9ft. on inside channel at high water.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: January 6, City of Grafton, s., at 4.10 a.m., from Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Arrival: January 6, Excelsior at 4 p.m., from Coff's Harbour. Passed: January 6, one of the A.U.S.N. steamers at 5.40 p.m., north.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Departures: January 6, Rosedale, s., at 8.30 a.m., for Port Macquarie; Bessie Maud, schooner, at 8.50 a.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: January 6, Euroka, s., at 9.35 a.m., for Port Macquarie.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: January 6, Fernmount, s., at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departure, January 6, Burrawong, s., at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY.—January 6, Lucretia in the bay.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Arrival: January 6, Excelsior, s., at noon, from Sydney.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: January 6, Euroka at 1 p.m., from Bellinger River; Rosedale at 6 p.m., from Nambucca.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: January 6, Ranelagh, s., at 9.30 a.m., north; one of Adelaide Company's steamers at 4.40 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: January 6, Coraki, s., at 6 a.m., from Newcastle.

CAPE HAWKE.—January 6, Empress of India, schooner at anchor in bay.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: January 6, Colac, s., at 9.30 a.m., north; Augusta at 5 p.m., north; a steamer like Wollumbin at 7.30 p.m.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: January 6, Friendship, s., at 6.15 a.m., Electra, s., at 7 a.m., Kallatina, s., at 10.30 a.m., Oakland, s., at 10.30 a.m., and Peregrine, s., at 4.5 p.m., all south.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arrival: January 6, Merksworth at 7 p.m., from Newcastle.

BARRANJOEY.—Departures: January 6, Isabel, schooner, Albatross, schooner, Progress, ketch, and Mary Davis, ketch, at 11 a.m., Betsy, ketch, at 5.20 p.m., Kingsley, s., at 6.45 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLAMBI.—Arrivals: January 6, Palmerston, s., at 7.30 a.m., and Currajong, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Departure: January 6, Captain Cook, s., at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departures: January 6, Illawarra, s., at 8.15 a.m., and Coomonderry, s., at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: January 6, Brisbane, s., at 3 a.m., Bullarra, s., at 4.15 p.m., Busby, s., at 5.15 p.m., Peterborough, s., at 7 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: January 6, Peterborough, s., at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 6, Celtic King, s., at 8.25 a.m., Tagliaferro, s., at 9.50 a.m., Barcoo, s., at 4.30 p.m., west; Oonah, s., at 12.20 p.m., south.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: January 6, Barcoo, s., at 3 p.m.; steamer, black funnel, red and white band, at 5 p.m., south.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: January 6, Despatch, s., at 1.30 a.m., Aramac, s., at 8.25 a.m., Gabo, s., at 11.40 a.m., Anglian, s., at 3.50 p.m., Glaucus, s., at 7.45 p.m. Passed outward: January 6, Strathdon, barque, from London to Sydney, at 7 a.m., reports all well; Federal, s., at 9 a.m., Gulf of Mexico, s., at 12.5 p.m., Pondo, s., from Delagoa Bay to Sydney, at 4.50 p.m., Morayshire, s., at 6.50 p.m.

HOBART.—Arrival: January 6, Tambo, s., at 1.45 p.m., from Sydney.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: January 6, Pateena, s., at 9 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: January 5, Coogee, s., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (TAS.).—Arrival: January 5, Grafton, s., at 6.50 p.m., from Melbourne. Departure: January 6, Manapouri, s., at 11.16 a.m., for Melbourne.

STANLEY (TAS.).—Departure: January 6, Glenelg, s., at daylight, for Melbourne.

WALLAROO (S.A.).—Arrival: January 6, Larnaca, s., from Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE (S.A.).—Arrival: January 6, Maritta, s., from Western Australia.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrival: January 6, Polynesien, F.M.S., at 5 a.m., from Adelaide. Departures: January 5, Bungaree, s., for London. January 6, Polynesien, F.M.S., at 9.20 a.m., for Colombo; Marloo, s., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Departure: January 5, Waroonga, s., at 7 p.m., for Geraldton.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 38 years, 49·552.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·277.
Temperature.—Maximum, 77·0; minimum, 65·9.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 53°; 3 p.m., 58°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·85; Gascoigne, 29·97; Perth, 29·99; Esperance Bay, 29·87; Eucla, 30·00; Streaky Bay, 30·00; Adelaide, 30·13; Robe, 30·21; Portland, 30·18; Melbourne, 30·25; Wilson's Promontory, 30·30; Gabo Island, 30·19; Cape St. George, 30·27; Sydney, 30·28; Newcastle, 30·25; Port Macquarie, 30·23; Clarence Heads, 30·15; Brisbane, 30·05; Rockhampton, 29·89; Mackay, 29·72; Cooktown, 29·77.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Generally fine and clear inland, fine but cloudy on the coast, and threatening in the north-east.
Western Australia.—Fine but cloudy, and hot generally.
South Australia.—Fine, clear, and warm generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Generally fine and clear to fine but cloudy.
Tasmania.—Fine generally.
Queensland.—Unsettled throughout; showery on parts of the coast.
Central and Northern Australia.—Unsettled generally, thunderstorms in the west.
New Zealand.—Fine and clear generally.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Light to heavy in northern districts, with many thunderstorms. Armidale, 0·25; Bingara, 0·58; Brewarrina, 0·77; Camden Haven, 0·83; Casino, 0·46; Clarence, 0·03; Coonabarabran, 0·53; Gunnedah, 0·49; Inverell, 0·72; Jerry's Plains, 1·35; Lismore, 0·71; Maitland, 0·04; Manning Heads, 0·20; Moree, 0·45; Mount Victoria, 0·04; Mungundi, 0·62; Murrurundi, 0·04; Muswellbrook, 0·52; Narrabri, 0·67; Newcastle, 0·63; Pilliga, 0·70; Port Macquarie, 2·20; Port Stephens, 0·09; Scone, 0·22; Singleton, 0·44; Tabulam, 0·09; Taree, 0·03; Tenterfield, 0·01; Tweed Heads, 0·53; Uralla, 1·08; Walcha, 0·11; Walgett, 0·03; Warialda, 0·24; Barrington, 0·05; Gongolgon, 0·20.

Queensland.—Light to very heavy in east and south-east, also light to moderate, with thunderstorms, along southern border.

Northern Territory.—2·99 at Port Darwin and 0·04 at Daly Water.

Western Australia.—Light and scattered in the south.

RAINFALL, 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Armidale, 0·07; Hillston, 0·07; Port Macquarie, 0·48; Millie, 0·08.

TEMPERATURES IN THE COUNTRY.

Bourke, 101·5; Broken Hill, 104; Deniliquin, 102; Hay, 104; Hillston, 101; Wagga, 103; Wilcannia, 105.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., strong, squally, sea moderate; Byron Bay, E., fresh, dull, sea smooth; Ballina, E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, E.S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., light, showery, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, S.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, S.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, E., cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., moderate, hazy, sea smooth; Eden, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., fresh, misty, fine, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Warm and unsettled generally, with scattered rains and thunderstorms, especially in north-eastern parts of the colony; winds E. to N. in eastern districts, and from E. to S. in western.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine and warm, with light to moderate E. to N. winds; barometer slowly falling.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, but becoming warm generally, with light E. to N. winds; smooth sea.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL FORECAST BY MR. A. W. ANDERSON (BRISBANE).

Western Australia.—Cloudy to rainy south from Perth under strong S.W. to S. winds; rough seas between Albany and Eucla under "Eris;" monsoonal rains north from the latitude of Cossack.

Northern Territory.—Rain heavy in places between Port Darwin and Tennant's Creek under strong N.W. winds; rough seas to westward of Melville Island.

South Australia.—Fine but cloudy, but within two days "Eris" will cause increasing temperature, followed by dust storms, strong winds, and rain south from Port Augusta; rough seas west from Cape Borda.

Queensland.—Notwithstanding times of clearing sky, rain heavy in places, especially in the eastern districts between Townsville, Charters Towers, Emerald, and Toowoomba; isolated thunderstorms, strong winds from between S.E., E., and N.E.; rough seas south from Mackay.

New South Wales.—Cloudy with heavy rain in places on the seaboard and the highlands, principally north from Port Macquarie, with some thunderstorms over the balance of the country; fine to cloudy weather under increasing temperatures; rough seas in north-east, under strong S.E. to E. winds.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Fine weather will predominate with areas of cloud, but within two days "Eris" will cause hot weather, followed by squalls, scattered rain and electric disturbances.

New Zealand.—Rain and squalls on the east coast.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 7.

Sun rises at 4.55, sets at 7.8; Moon, 6.54 p.m., 3.35 a.m.; Mercury, 4.55 a.m., 6.54 p.m.; Venus, 4.11 a.m., 6.29 p.m.; Mars, 5.52 a.m., 6.16 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.15 p.m., 11.37 a.m.; Saturn, 2.17 a.m., 4.15 p.m.
New moon, 22nd; full moon, 8th.
High water at Fort Denison, 7.58 a.m., 8.14 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Clyde River.—Allowrie, 9 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 11 a.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Singapore.—Orissa, 11 a.m.
Noumea.—Armand Behic, noon.
Wellington, &c., N.Z., direct.—Tarawera, noon.
Brisbane.—Tyrian, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Grafton, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Port Macquarie, Bellinger and Nambucca Rivers.—Rosedale, 10 a.m.
Manning River.—Coraki, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, overland to Adelaide, and thence per Rome, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Rome (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Rome, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Waikare, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Bateman's Bay and Nelligen.—Peterborough, 2 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1898.

Germany has leased Kiao-chou from China for 50 years.

The "Pekin Imperial Gazette" announces that the territory assigned to Germany comprises the entire inner basin of the bay of Kiao-chou, the tongue of land lying south and north of the entrance to the bay, and the islands within and before the bay, as well as a large tract of inland territory surrounding Kiao-chou.

In the event of Germany finding another port more suitable for her purposes, China undertakes to exchange it for Kiao-chou.

The "Times" assumes that Germany regards the lease of Kiao-chou as a definite cession of territory by China, with full sovereign powers on the part of Germany.

A New South Wales Government 3 per cent. loan of £1,500,000 has been placed on the London market.

The minimum has been fixed at 99. Tenders will be opened on Tuesday next.

Two columns under the command of Brigadier-General Sir Bindon Blood, have started to punish the Bonerwals on the north-western frontier of India, and will force the Tangra, Umbeyla, and Malandri passes.

Major Devereux Walter Hickman has been killed while engaged in protecting a convoy at Umdi Khotal.

Brigadier-General Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., who commanded one of the columns of the Tirah expedition, has died at Peshawur from dysentery brought on by the hardships of the campaign.

In commenting upon the no-balling of Jones by Phillips during the late test match at Melbourne, the "Daily News" says it is refreshing to know that there is one umpire in the world with the courage of his convictions and determined to uphold the law with regard to throwing.

The London "Sportsman" heartily congratulates the Australians upon their decisive and meritorious success over Stoddart's team.

It is said by the "Standard" that after the first innings of each team a crushing defeat of the Englishmen was expected. The Australians, it adds, thoroughly deserve their victory.

New South Wales colonists will hold a banquet in London on the 26th instant, in honour of Foundation Day.

A dispute has arisen between the United States, Mexico, and France, regarding the ownership of Clipperton Island, in the North Pacific Ocean.

The bill introduced into the Hungarian Chamber by the President of the Council for provisionally prolonging the arrangements for meeting the joint expenditure of Austria and Hungary, has been read the second time by a large majority.

An amendment by M. Kossuth, a son of the famous patriot, in favour of a separate economic system for Hungary, was rejected.

Two duels, arising out of the recent political crisis, have been fought at Buda-Pesth, in Hungary. Four deputies were wounded.

A British expedition, comprising 8 officers and 200 men, has been despatched to Ediba, on the Niger, to punish the Cross River tribes.

At the annual conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, now sitting at Bristol, it was resolved to press for eight hours.

In connection with the engineers' strike, the employers deny that several firms are leaving the combination.

The civilians of Malta have offered to raise a contingent of 1000 men for service with the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Soudan.

A letter written by "A Dissatisfied Australian" was published in yesterday's "Times," complaining of the payment of double income tax.

The Russian Government has decided to assume the State monopoly of the sale of alcohol throughout the Empire.

A meeting of the committee of the whole City Council was held yesterday afternoon to inquire into the working of the various municipal departments. The Mayor (Alderman M. Harris, M.L.A.) presided. The meeting was held with closed doors.

After a trial at Armidale lasting 14 days the jury in the case of John Norton and George Lonsdale, who were charged with having libelled the Minister for Lands, Mr. Carruthers, yesterday were unable to agree and were discharged. The defendants were bound over for trial at such time and place as the Attorney-General may appoint.

At Taree on Wednesday evening Mr. Young, Minister for Works, addressed a large meeting of his constituents, replying to the various protectionist arguments used by the leader of the Opposition during his visit in November last. Mr. Young had an excellent reception.

His Excellency Lord Brassey, Governor of Victoria, together with Lady Brassey and Lord Shaftesbury, A.D.C., arrived in Sydney yesterday by the express from Melbourne, and took up their quarters on the yacht Sunbeam.

A severe gale, accompanied by rain, passed over Thargomindah (Q.) on Wednesday evening, causing considerable damage. The Governor of Queensland will visit the town and district next week, returning to Brisbane about the 22nd instant.

Yesterday the seventh session of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science was opened at the University buildings. There was a large attendance of intercolonial and other visitors.

The Registrar of Western Australia estimated the population of the colony at the end of December, exclusive of aborigines, at 161,908, of whom 110,364 were males, being a decrease of 495 on the figures of the previous quarter.

On reaching Mudgee yesterday morning the Premier, who was accompanied by several members of Parliament, had a most hearty welcome. A reception was held at the Town Hall during the morning, and in the evening Mr. Reid was entertained at a public banquet.

The Antwerp wool sales will be opened on the 11th instant. The catalogue will comprise 3200 bales, of which 50 bales are Australian.

Yesterday the Sydney Stock Exchange re-opened after the holidays. The market was very quiet. On the whole, Government stocks were about the same as when the Exchange closed.

Very little activity was displayed in the Import market yesterday, and but few changes in prices occurred. Breadstuffs remained quiet at recent prices. Only a small proportion of the tea offered at auction changed hands. Prices had an easier tendency, although vendors did not sacrifice.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 274 bales of wool were manifested. Sixty-eight bales arrived coastwise, and 41 were received by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday.

The Mining market yesterday resumed after the holiday, but there was no activity, and only a few changes in prices were noted. It was clear that business had not settled down after the recess.

Yesterday's Customs revenue amounted to £5605.

The R.M.S. Lusitania left Colombo on the 4th instant, outwards.

On New Year's Day the R.M.S Miowera arrived at Vancouver.

The question as to the constitution and rights and position of the Upper House in a system of Parliamentary government, which has been much considered here in connection with the federation movement, is being discussed in a somewhat desultory fashion in Great Britain. The House of Lords has been threatened with reform or destruction for many years, and it still remains untouched. Theoretically its constitution is altogether out of harmony with the tendencies of the time. It embodies a principle which is generally discarded, the principle that the representatives of one class are supposed to be fit legislators because of the accident of birth. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, lately put in for it the well-worn plea that some of the members have had large experience in the House of Commons before succeeding to their titles. This is perfectly true, but it only applies to a comparatively small number. The great majority of the hereditary members rarely appear in the Chamber unless they are almost dragged to it to vote on some special occasion. There are the Bishops, who seldom show any interest in the affairs of the House, unless an ecclesiastical question is being debated. There are lawyers, who are not often heard on matters of domestic or international policy. The real task of revising or criticising the work of the House of Commons, of looking after the general political business of the nation, devolves in reality upon a few. And even they, however large their experience or brilliant their career in the other Chamber, seem to lose much of their verve. No Government policy is decided in the Upper House; the atmosphere of excitement which is essential to oratory is altogether wanting. But the difficulty is to find a system that will take the place of the existing one, and that will satisfy the nation. Many schemes have been propounded, but none of them has yet been taken seriously, and the present Government will certainly make no alteration. And as the English people will insist upon retaining the bicameral form of government, a substitute must be discovered before any reform is possible.

The form and constitution of the Upper House in the different colonies of Australia is still a puzzling question. In South Australia it is elective, and the labour party has been able to put in two or three representatives. It is now proposed to lower the franchise further, and, in fact, to get rid of any sort of property qualification. In Victoria the Legislative Council has been elected on a broad franchise, and is certainly strong and powerful. But in that colony a section of the people complain that, owing to the largeness of the provinces which the members represent or to some other reason, the seats can only be obtained by wealthy men. It is certainly true that in the country districts members are often returned unopposed, and that it is in the neighbourhood of Melbourne alone that a real contest can be expected. The apathy of the electors is perhaps due to two reasons. The one is that candidates for the Council can unfold no striking policy; the other, and more sordid, that they are unable to wring as much from the Government for local purposes as the members of the Assembly. Although, therefore, the representatives in the Council only hold their seats for a fixed term of years, yet the result of an election is generally to produce but a small change, or none at all. The Victorian Council has doubtless done excellent work, but it suffers from the drawback of the nominee system that exists in New South Wales and in other colonies. Nothing need be said. The man once nominated is appointed for life, and in this way he is placed beyond all direct responsibility to the public. Then the Federal Convention has formed a new constitution for a novel Upper House. The members are to be elected by the people voting in their States, each State having an equal number of representatives. An objection has been taken to this, as an attack on the Legislative Council is threatened in Victoria, and as a reform is to be proposed in New South Wales, it must be admitted that the subject is being discussed in Australia from several different points of view. The question has been raised, not merely in one colony, but in two or three. By some coincidence, though by no means from the same causes, this subject, that concerns one province, is found to be debated in others. The conditions are different; the proposed solutions are not the same; but in some way the matter has become of general interest.

To be of any value, a Second Chamber must be strong enough to correct slovenly drawn measures, to resist any surprise in the shape of legislation that may be sprung upon the country before the electors have had a fair opportunity of considering it, and to amend freely, within its constitutional rights or limitations, any bill that may be sent to it. Otherwise, of course, it might as well be abolished. But this can surely be managed without devising any elaborate constitution. There are some writers both in England and in Australia who seem to think that there ought to be a "scientific" definition of the relations between the two Houses. What the phrase may mean one is at a loss to guess. There certainly can be no definition that will adapt itself to all the points that are noticed in the multitudinous affairs that come before Parliament. When the two Houses disagree they will have to follow the usual habit of holding a conference, and attempting in this commonplace way to come to an agreement. But the natural suspicion about a "scientific" constitution is naturally increased when the phrase is found to be a roundabout and not very appropriate way of describing the referendum. Some of the distinguished scholars who are now in Sydney might be able to explain the scientific law that is involved in the referendum, and which is certainly not apparent at first sight. There are two objections to the referendum. The first is that unless the use of it is hampered by a volume of restrictions and rules it might often be used in moments of passion, when neither the politicians nor the people were prepared to give a calm judgment on the point submitted to them. The second and more serious is that it would tend to destroy the responsibility of Parliament and the Ministry. The basis of our political system is responsible government, according to which Ministers are held directly accountable to the representatives of the people in Parliament, and Parliament itself is forced to be careful in adopting any policy that might cause a crisis. Let there be a system of appealing to the electors on any subject that the Government might choose to raise, and the feeling of responsibility which ought to be the safeguard of politics is at once diminished. We have yet to see how Mr. Reid's scheme of reform, in which he proposes to retain the principle of nomination but to limit the tenure of seats in the Legislative Council, will succeed. If it brings the two Houses more into touch it will be a support to the cause of responsible government.

Our report of the proceedings of the Australasian Cricket Council at the annual meeting in Melbourne on Monday shows that absolute unanimity is as much a stranger in cricket councils as in other gatherings. Yet a body like this, chosen from all the colonies, can only exercise the control it aims at in the interests of a popular sport by unanimous or at least united action. It is made up of a number of gentlemen of different colonies, held together by a common object, and if that object cannot be served the right of the Cricket Council to exist disappears. This was the view evidently held by those members who advocated on Monday night that the Council, having failed to carry out the objects for which it was framed, should be dissolved. But the sense of the meeting was against this, and it certainly does seem to be in the nature of a heroic remedy for the condition of things which has had a tendency of late to make lovers of the game somewhat impatient with what has been going on. It needs no argument to prove that a popular sport like cricket, which as we have seen on several recent occasions can bring thousands of people together and collect thousands of pounds from the public, should be so controlled as to keep it free from the objectionable features which have unfortunately discredited other branches of sport. Nor does it seem that in principle the scheme can be improved upon which, in theory at all events, vests this control in a responsible body of intercolonial representatives. It happens, however, that theory does not square with practice in this matter, and the consequence is that when the difficulties and differences of opinion arise that the Council was presumedly called into existence to deal with it is found to be powerless to exercise any real influence. We have international matches and tours planned and carried out without reference to the Council, and matters decided or left undecided as if there were no such body in existence.

Disputes and misunderstandings of the kind we have been familiarised with lately are the very things that tend to discourage general interest in the game. The public concern with cricket is its interest in the sport, and not in the bickerings that go on around it, and if that interest is to be kept healthily alive the first care of those who aim at exercising control must be not to test the patience of its patrons too far. So far as the matters in dispute are concerned, it must be admitted that they certainly do present difficulties. One of them relates to the recent action of the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground in connection with the test match here. One of the speakers at the meeting seemed to think that the Council has become moribund because it is not efficiently backed up by those from whom it has a right to expect support. "The biggest laggards," says the report, "were the members of the New South Wales Cricket Association, which had been led by the nose by the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground." This is a fair average sample of the tone of the discussion which has been going on, and, of course, its unfairness is manifest to those who have any knowledge of the facts of the situation. The Cricket Council is self-confessedly weak and inoperative. Had the colonies been dependent on that body for the display of international cricket they are now witnessing they would probably have gone without. The Melbourne Cricket Club and the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground assumed the risk and arranged for the visit of Mr. Stoddart's team, and it was only natural in the circumstances that both bodies should seek to protect their responsibility for the tour. So far as our trustees here are concerned, we know that at their own risk they borrowed money to improve the ground and make it what it is, giving their own personal security for the advances made and relying on the public patronage of cricket to ensure them against loss. Had the Cricket Council or its constituent bodies been able or willing to assume that responsibility the case would have been different. As it is, the trustees had to act, or the public would probably have had to go without its displays of international cricket.

Some of the speakers at the meeting found that this condition of affairs introduced the speculative element into cricket. No doubt it does, but to no greater extent and in no more objectionable degree than would be the case if the Australasian Cricket Council and not the Melbourne Cricket Club and the trustees of the Sydney ground financed the present tour. The difference would simply lie in the fact that the Council is a more broadly representative body, though perhaps in that capacity it would be able more effectually to discountenance anything that would have a tendency to introduce the merely mercenary element into cricket, or to give it prominence there. This aspect of the general question came up in connection with the misunderstanding, or the failure to come to an understanding, that deprived the Australians of the services of one of our most prominent cricketers. Abstractly speaking, of course, any man has a right to place his own value on his services, and to get his price if possible. But cricket, as we understand it in these colonies, or as we should like to see it, is not a mere matter of hiring-out. It is a national sport, and we should like to see it conducted and viewed by players themselves in a sportsmanlike way. There is a sense of honour in sport, and in cricket as a branch of sport, not only applicable to the conditions under which the game is played, but to the credit of the colonies individually and collectively. The distinction between amateurs or "gentlemen players" and professionals is naturally not so much appreciated in Australia as in England. Our cricketers have hitherto been characterised by a spirit of *camaraderie* that prompts them to make some little personal sacrifice if necessary for the honour of the game. It would be a pity to create a precedent for the breaking of this understanding, or to do anything which might encourage individual cricketers or cricketing associations to value the game for the profit they can make out of it, instead of regarding it from the more sportsmanlike point of view. For there is a sentiment in cricket as in other national sports. The public shares this sentiment with the players. It is neither to the interest of cricket nor of those who play the game to let the fact be forgotten, and the sooner the control of our cricket is vested in a strong and responsible body the better.

In one sense perhaps the great little controversy about smoking on tramcar platforms affords some reflection for the sarcastic philosopher. It seems a little ludicrous that grown-up people should excite themselves—write rather warm letters to the papers and exchange a good many frank opinions about each other—touching a matter like this. The Æschylean idea of life represented the mortals as a sort of supreme ironic procession which made continual sport for the gods; and if this is the correct view of life, no doubt the acrid, controversial tone of some of the disputants in this smoking-on-tram question would provide more than usually cynical smiling among those on high. Still, in a mundane sphere it is but to be expected that we should look at things in a prosaic light; and just as no philosopher is proof against a toothache—at least we have been told so on high authority—so are there few who can always remain calm when a minor worry of life has to be faced. And there is no doubt but that this smoking nuisance is to many a real worry, however impossible it may be for others to think it so. To a few lifelong votaries of Nicotine the idea that the flavour of a pipe may be obnoxious to some may appear preposterous; but the majority of smokers will know that this is so. The very fact that they are devoted smokers will, as a correspondent has pointed out, make them tender of the feelings of others. At any rate, it ought to. As for smoking on the tramcar platforms, it does seem that rather an unnecessary fuss has been made about a very small matter. Ladies so frequently ride on the dummy willingly accepting the contaminating presence of the smoker side by side that it is perhaps injudicious to raise an outcry against passengers who are smoking a foot or two away. It is rather hard to see how any but a very fine distinction is to be made between the front platform of the car and the back seat of the dummy; and it should be remembered that passengers frequently stand on the car platform because they have given up their seats to ladies. As for smoking generally in public places, it may be said that the essence of smoking is really that of good manners. No gentle smoker puffs his weed anywhere to the annoyance of ladies, any more than a courteous disputant calls anyone who happens to disagree with him bad names. But there are hysterical ladies who demand their "rights" before they have been wronged, and it is to be feared that sometimes the smoker suffers by this unhappy tendency.

The old complaint that injury is done to the hides of cattle in Australia by branding is revived, and the Minister for Agriculture is drafting a bill to amend the Brands Act, under which a certain amount of this defacing of hides is required. When our Brands Act was drafted the value of hides was small, and the want of every check upon the prevalent cattle-stealing was much felt. Hence both by legislation and practice there grew up a great carelessness in the use of the branding iron. The first owner clapped his four or six square inches of letters and numerals upon any handy surface of the young beast, and every subsequent owner just added his contribution, until in no long time the animal was a walking alphabet. Then as hides came to be valued for tanning unnecessary brands on the best parts of the skin began to be complained of, and this complaint has gone on for years. Tanners and leather-buyers in England, as well as in Australia, have addressed remonstrances to pastoralists, estimating the amount of money depreciation at something like £50,000 annually. A year or more ago Mr. Sydney Smith, urged thereto by representations of this kind, set about framing an amendment of the Brands Act in this direction, but nothing was done, because some cattle-owners urged that any interference with the Brands Act lessened the safeguards against cattle-stealing, while as to the question of depreciation of hides in value it was for the owners of the beasts to say whether they would have a better price for leather or that measure of protection against theft which the Brands Act confers. These are important considerations. As a general rule the interests of an industry are best left to those engaged in it, and Parliament among its pressing duties is not called upon to force coddling legislation upon any class of the public. Nor with the known existence of cattle-stealing to an extent that entails great yearly loss upon pastoralists should anyone lightly deal with the means of identification of animals by registered brands. But still if without mischief we could reduce the size of brands or confine them to the less valuable portions of the hide, it would materially increase the value of leather. Mr. Sydney Smith's bill might be usefully discussed by the Stock Board of Advice before Parliament meets.

THE NEW CALEDONIA CABLE.—The postal authorities received information yesterday from Bundaberg that the Bundaberg end of the broken New Caledonia cable had been successfully picked up and buoyed by the cable-repairing steamer Sherard Osborne, which is now dragging for the other broken end. It is expected that the work of repairing the break will soon be completed.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—Lord Brassey, Lady Brassey, and Lord Shaftesbury, A.D.C., arrived in Sydney yesterday by the express from Melbourne, and took up their quarters on the yacht Sunbeam, which has been lying in Sydney Harbour for some time past. The visit is of an entirely private character. To-day the visitors will leave on a trip to the Jenolan Caves. Lord Brassey intends to return to Melbourne in time to be present at the opening of the Federal Convention on the 20th instant. Lord Hampden is expected to reach Melbourne on the 18th instant, on his way back from his trip to New Zealand. Lady Hampden has arranged to leave England in the India on January 28. The vessel is due in Sydney on March 17, but Lady Hampden will probably come overland from Adelaide.

THE FEDERAL CONVENTION.—Sir Philip Fysh, the Treasurer of Tasmania, and a member of the finance committee of the Federation Convention, has (says the Melbourne "Argus") written to Sir George Turner saying that he cannot reach Melbourne before the 19th instant, and suggesting that the committee should postpone its meeting from the 17th till that date. Sir George has replied that to comply with the request would only leave a day for the committee to deal with the important and intricate problem of federal finance before the Convention meets, and he therefore urges Sir Philip to reach Melbourne not later than the 17th instant, in order that the committee may have the benefit of his advice, and have time to consider and discuss any new proposal that might be submitted.

MINISTERIAL LABOURS.—Of all the Ministers the most hard-working is the Colonial Secretary. Whenever duty calls another member of the Ministry away from Sydney the question arises as to how the Ministerial work of the department is to be carried on, and the solution generally arrived at is, "Oh, Mr. Brunker will do it," and Mr. Brunker, being a good-natured man, does it. The consequence is that since Parliament closed he has rarely got away from his office, except at the week end, before 11 o'clock—and even half-past 11—at night. As an illustration it may be mentioned that at present Mr. Brunker, in addition to fulfilling the duties of his own position as Colonial Secretary—not a light task by any means—is also acting as Colonial Treasurer in the absence of Mr. Reid. He is likewise looking after the Works Department in the absence of Mr. Young, and during the absence of Mr. Carruthers at Armidale Mr. Brunker has been discharging the formidable task of dealing with the "papers" in the Lands Department. In addition, Mr. Brunker was yesterday signing the most urgent of the papers in the Department of Mines and Agriculture, Mr. Sydney Smith being absent owing to illness in his family. It is no exaggeration to say that the Colonial Secretary has been dealing each day lately with a stack of official papers from 2ft. to 3ft. thick.

REVENUE OF NORFOLK ISLAND.—The following statement of the revenue of Norfolk Island has been prepared by the Lands Department. The revenue received from investments, customs duties, timber licenses, rent of Government buildings, court fees, &c., since April 2 of last year, the date upon which the active administration of the affairs of the island was entrusted to the Minister for Lands on behalf of the Imperial Government, amounts to £249 7s 11d, and to this is to be added a sum of £350, being the refund of passage money paid for the chief magistrate and constable from Sydney, making the receipts £599 7s 11d. A sum of £600 has been invested in Government debentures of this colony and on deposit with the two savings banks established in New South Wales.

RESTORATION OF PENNY TRAM SECTIONS.—A notification is being issued by the Railway Commissioners that on and after Monday next, January 10, the local penny sections will be re-established on the Waverley and Bondi line from Queen-street, on the Coogee line between Park-road and Kensington platform, and on the Botany line between the Waterloo terminus and Botany-street.

THE CRIMINAL LIBEL CASE.—The distinction of being the longest criminal case ever heard in the colony has been gained by the criminal libel action brought against John Norton, proprietor and editor of "Truth," and George Lonsdale, a resident of Uralla, who were charged with having libelled the Minister for Lands, Mr. Carruthers, in the columns of "Truth" respecting his administration of the Lands Department in regard to land exchanges, as well as with making false, malicious, slanderous statements respecting his marital relations and moral character calculated to deprive him of his good name, fame, and credit. The case was heard in the Armidale Circuit Court, before Mr. Acting Justice Backhouse and a jury of 12. The trial is unique by reason of the fact that it lasted 14 days, which embraced both the Christmas and New Year holidays. An adjournment took place over Christmas Day, but Boxing Day was devoted by the jury to a hard day's work in examining the Salisbury Model Farm exchange. New Year's Day saw the Court hard at work. The jurors have been locked up every night since December 20 last, but were occasionally indulged in the luxury of a drive in a four-in-hand to some beauty spots of the district. The Court sat on an average 10 hours a day for 14 days, so that the sitting aborted 140 hours. During that time 53 witnesses were examined and re-examined. Mr. Carruthers was 21 hours in the witness-box, and was under cross-examination 17 hours. The addresses by the defendant, Norton and counsel, lasted 18 hours. During the progress of the case the telegraph officials of Armidale, under the management of Mr. F. Whysall, postmaster, despatched to Sydney press messages embracing 76,582 words.

FEDERATION.—In view of the approaching departure of the New South Wales representatives to the forthcoming Convention, the Hon. Edmund Barton, Q.C., M.L.C., has been asked by those interested in the movement to deliver a final address in the city so as to outline and define this colony's position in the Convention in the light of recent developments. Mr. Barton has fallen in with the wishes of the federation party, and has decided to address a public meeting on "Federation and the Coming Convention" next Wednesday evening at 8 at the New Masonic Hall. Mr. R. E. O'Connor has signified his intention of speaking, and probably other representatives of this colony will also be present. It has been decided, in view of the great interest taken by ladies in the question, to reserve a limited number of seats for their accommodation.

PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM THE TERMINUS OF THE ROSEHILL LINE TO DURAL.—The Public Works Committee yesterday heard the evidence of Mr. H. Deane, Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Construction Branch, Works Department, in regard to the proposal. The witness said if it was worth while to spend £25,000 on the existing line (Rosehill) it would be better to continue that line, but if the railway had never been completed he would have recommended a branch from Carlingford on the Northern line. A tramway could be made to carry passengers and produce, but steps would have to be taken to provide for the transhipment of persons and goods. No survey had been made for an extension beyond Dural.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.—Arrangements are being made to declare the following local public holidays:—Moama, Wednesday, February 23; Illawarra district, Thursday, February 3; Kiama, February 20; Wollongong, February 3; and town and district of Foster, Cape Hawke, January 27.

THE WEATHER.—A bright warm day, with a pleasant southerly breeze, in which the temperature in the shade never rose above 77°, was the weather in Sydney yesterday. In the country the tropical depression which had given so much valuable rain to Queensland was still in evidence over the northern areas of this colony. At Brewarrina 77 points were measured up to 9 a.m., when the rain had ceased; on the Queensland border, at Mungindi, 62 points; and over the Darling watershed, Bingara, Moree, Millie, Inverell, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Piliga, Wee Waa, Coonabarabran there fell half an inch. An appreciable fall in the valley of the Hunter has taken place, and light to heavy rain along the northern coast. Taking the colony as a whole only the north-eastern portion participated in the showers, nothing falling in the west, south-west, or south of Newcastle. The portion covered by the rain was equal in area to about 50,000 square miles of country.

MAIL STEAMERS.—To-morrow morning the Oroya is expected here from London at about 7 o'clock, when the Orient Company's tender will leave for the steamer to bring ashore the passengers. The Hon. Alex. Kethel, M.L.C., returns by the Oroya, also the Hon. T. J. Byrnes, Attorney-General of Queensland. The Armand Behic is also due here to-morrow from Marseilles, and has been timed to leave for Noumea early on Tuesday morning next. On Monday next the Orizaba will leave the Quay for London in the Orient line. Among her passengers will be Dr. Sydney Jones and the Misses Jones, also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinhey and family and Mrs. D. B. L. Hopkins and family. Yesterday the San Francisco mail steamer Mariposa went up to dock for cleaning. The Miowera, which left here on December 6, arrived at Vancouver on the 1st instant. A cable to the Orient Company gives the Lusitania, which left London for Australia on the 10th ultimo, as having left Colombo on the 4th instant. This steamer, after arrival, is not to be turned round here again in the regular mail service.

NEW STEAMERS FOR THE HUDDART, PARKER LINE.—The manager of the Messrs. Huddart, Parker Proprietary, Mr. A. E. Kendall, is in receipt of advice that orders have been given for a very handsome fast passenger steamer for the Sydney-New Zealand service to alternate with the company's Westralia. Mr. Webb, a director of the company, is to leave Melbourne in a few days, also the superintending engineer, Mr. Cummings, for home, in connection with this and another intended addition to the company's fleet. The second steamer will be more of the cargo type, to meet the increased carrying business of the company in the intercolonial service.

THE P. AND O. AGENCY AT SYDNEY.—The newly appointed representative of the P. and O. Company, Mr. Trelawney, arrived in Sydney by the Himalaya, and will take charge from Monday next. Mr. G. D. Michie, who has been appointed to Colombo, is to leave Sydney by the Himalaya, sailing on the 17th instant.

THE MISSIONARY YACHT JOHN WILLIAMS.—When the steamer Taviuni was at Apia, Samoa, on the 25th ultimo she met with the London Missionary vessel John Williams. Captain Hore reported all well on board, and that he was leaving Samoa on December 28 for Samarai, New Guinea. The John Williams is due there on the 12th instant, and will spend 12 days in New Guinea waters, and return thence to Sydney, arriving here on the 3rd proximo.

SCIENTISTS AT THE ISLANDS.—The steamer Yaralla with a party of American scientists aboard was met by the steamer Taviuni in the Fiji group. The Yaralla was then expecting to leave Suva, Fiji, yesterday for Sydney, so she should be here about next Wednesday or Thursday.

SUBURBAN RAILWAY FARES.—Dr. J. D. Sly writes in answer to the statement of the Railway Commissioners, published in yesterday's issue, in which the Commissioners take exception to some of the statements made by him in a letter published in Tuesday's "Herald" upon suburban railway fares. He says that when he asserted that the western suburbs line paid about 8 per cent. he did not intend to convey the idea that this amount of profit was actually mentioned in the official returns, which he says are strangely silent as to any particular section. But from diligent inquiries he concludes that the profits of the western suburbs line reach about that amount. The Commissioners, he says, beg the question by stating that the suburban lines generally pay less than 3½ per cent.; but if he is wrong with regard to the western suburbs line, he asks the Commissioners to publish a full return showing the revenue and expenditure of this particular line for several years past. If such a return is fairly worked out he says the net profits will not be far short of 8 per cent. With regard to his comparison of the fares with those in Victoria the Commissioners say "comparisons are odious, as much depends on local circumstances," and in the same sentence they compare our rates with the English charges. Surely New South Wales may be more fitly compared with Victoria than with England. As stated by the Commissioners, it may be that residents of the marine suburbs are forsaking them for the Milson's Point to Hornsby line, but not to any appreciable extent as compared with the western suburbs. He also says his assertion that the lines are worked more cheaply than formerly is correct. With regard to the objection that the present is an inopportune time to make reductions, Dr. Sly asks whether reduced fares would not lead to increased traffic, and, at no distant period, to increased profits. He contends that the high railway rates are not only driving persons away from the suburbs in question, but are compelling many of those who remain to ride second-class instead of first-class as formerly.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. A. COTTEE.—Yesterday at the offices of the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, Macquarie-street, Mr. W. A. Cottee, who has retired from the management of the Sydney branch of this company, after a period of almost 22 years, to take up the position of chairman of the local board, was presented by the officers and staff with a handsome silver coffee service. The presentation was made by Mr. H. C. Dangar, the company's local adviser. The gift bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the officers and staff of the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., to William Alfred Cottee, Esq., on his retirement from the position of manager at Sydney, held for nearly 22 years, in appreciation of his unvarying courtesy and kindness. 31st December, 1897."

SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ARTS.—With regard to the alleged intention of the committee of the Sydney School of Arts to raise the subscriptions to the institution, we are requested to state that the retiring committee has determined not to disturb the present rates of subscription.

SUDDEN DEATH AT PARRAMATTA.—Richard Barry, 67 years of age, an inmate of the George-street Asylum, Parramatta, died suddenly on Wednesday evening while being conveyed to the hospital ward. At an inquest held before the Parramatta Coroner, Mr. MacNevin, yesterday afternoon, it was shown that his illness was occasioned by obesity, and the jury returned a verdict to that effect.

SUICIDE AT MARRICKVILLE.—The City Coroner yesterday held a magisterial inquiry at the Hotel Victoria, Marrickville, on the body of James Carley, canvasser and collector, who resided at the Illawarra-road, Marrickville. It was stated that deceased had been despondent for some months, and once said he would be a corpse before the morning. At another time he said he wished he was dead. He purchased some rough on rats, and about 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning became very sick. He refused to allow his wife to send for a doctor, and died shortly after 10 o'clock, just before Dr. Patrick arrived. The post mortem examination by Dr. Taylor showed that death was due to arsenical poisoning. A finding of suicide was recorded.

The biscuit competition prizes offered by Messrs. Aulsebrook and Sons, Limited, are on view in Mr. John Hunter's window, George-street. In connec-

HONOR TO A N.S.W. OPTICIAN.

LONDON.—The British Optical Association have elected as a member Mr. H. A. Barraclough, Sight-examiner and Optician, 371 George-street, Sydney, with right to use the affix B.O.A.—Advt.

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tion with this competition a coupon will be placed in every 2lb. and 4lb. tin of the following biscuits:—Neva, Diamond Jubilee, Oswego, Charm, Jersey, Cream Vanilla, and Passover. Competitors are to save as many of the coupons as possible and forward them to Messrs. Aulsebrook and Son's factory, Camperdown, not later than January 30, or they cannot participate in the first competition; but all coupons arriving after January 30 will be placed in the second competition closing on June 30. There are three first-class prizes valued at £21 each, six second-class prizes valued at 5 guineas each, and 12 third-class prizes valued at £4 each.

The Land and Appeal Court will deliver reserved decisions at 2 p.m. on Monday, 10th instant.

Yesterday morning the Mayor (Alderman M. Harris), accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. Daniels) and the City Surveyor (Mr. Richards), inspected Moore Park and the tips.

The inquiry office at the Public Works Department is now in full operation, and is saving the principal officers much valuable time, as the bulk of the matters about which the public seek information in the Government departments are readily dealt with by an office of this kind. All inquiries in the Works Department have now to be first made through the inquiry office.

The Saturday afternoon excursion to the Hawkesbury to-morrow will be made by the steamer Newcastle, which will leave the Market-street Wharf at 2 o'clock, reaching Sydney on return about 7 o'clock.

The "Practical Engineer" pocket book for 1898, issued by the Technical Publishing Company, Manchester, contains besides a brief diary a large amount of technical matter important to engineers.

A boy named Edward Snow, who resides in North Sydney, was returning home from the Zoological Gardens yesterday when he was run over by a cart. He was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from severe shock besides internal injuries.

We have received from Messrs. S. D. Townsend and Co., of 282 Pitt-street, a wall calendar for 1898.

From Mr. R. T. Kelly, legal and commercial stationer, 27 and 29 Rowe-street, we have received a wall calendar for 1898.

At a meeting of the Early Closing Association held at the Temperance Hall last night it was decided to commence a public agitation in furtherance of the objects of the association by holding a meeting at Balmain at an early date. Mrs. Alfred Allen was appointed to represent the association at the National Council of Women.

The band of the N.S.W. Artillery Regiment will (weather permitting) perform in Hyde Park this (Friday) afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock.

The third of the prayer meetings for the week, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, was held at the Bathurst-street Baptist Church yesterday evening. The Rev. F. E. Harry presided. The Rev. E. T. Dunstan gave a short address on the power of prayer, basing his discourse on the story of Herod and Peter, and the release of the latter from prison. The good of unceasing and earnest prayer offered on that occasion was held up as example for parents and others to pray for their children.

The meetings at the Tent in Stanmore continue to be largely attended night after night. A large number of adherents have identified themselves with the Seventh Day Adventists. Seventeen were baptised last Sunday in their church at Ashfield. They have another baptism next Sunday. They have decided to erect a tabernacle at once.

At the residence of Mr. C. A. Clarke, in Randwick, on Wednesday, two men attempted to carry out one of the many house robberies which have recently occurred. They burst open a pantry door, and then succeeded in obtaining access to the premises. Prior to the entry, however, their movements in the yard at the rear of the house were watched by a young man named Fisher, who resides close by, and he gave information to the police as soon as possible. Constable Templeton arrived, and broke into the house by the front door; but whilst he was doing so the thieves escaped through the back yard, leaving little trace of their movements.

Shortly after 3 a.m. yesterday a fire broke out in a five-roomed weatherboard cottage, situate at the corner of Longueville and Northwood roads, occupied and owned by Mr. John Richardson, resulting in a complete gutting of the building. The origin is unknown. The premises were insured in the City Mutual for £100.

The number of visitors to the Australian Museum during the month of December, 1897, was—on week days, 6366, being an average of 277 a day; on Sundays, 2275, being an average of 569 a day.

THE CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS.

AN INQUIRY BY THE ALDERMEN.

PROCEEDINGS IN CAMERA.

A meeting of the committee of the whole City Council was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of inquiring into the work of the various municipal departments. The Mayor (Alderman M. Harris, M.L.A.) presided, and up to the time of the exclusion of the press from the proceedings there were also present Aldermen Dean, Buckle, Rainford, Ives, J. Harris, Hoare, Landers, S. E. Lees, M.L.C., Small, R. Fowler, M.L.C., Booth, Waine, and Penny.

Alderman Dean complained of the neglect shown in watering macadamised streets, especially at Queen's-square and at the corners of Bent and Bligh streets and Hunter and O'Connell streets.

The Mayor said he would attend to the matter.

The Town Clerk then read the order of the day, based on a resolution of council of August 10:—"That an inquiry be held into the working of the various departments of the council by a committee consisting of the whole council."

Alderman Fowler said he thought that the meeting had better not be open to the press. The council had their own reporter. There might be many things spoken which might not be true. He would move,—"That the meeting be held with closed doors."

The motion was carried without a dissentient.

Representatives of the press accordingly withdrew, and the public gallery was cleared.

It is understood that the council determined to first of all inquire into the work of the Town Clerk's department. Mr. Daniels informed the members that he had not got all the information ready. It was thereupon resolved to adjourn the inquiry till Tuesday afternoon next.

GERMAN SQUADRON FOR AUSTRALIA.

PETITION TO THE REICHSTAG.

A petition which it is intended to send to the Reichstag, and translated reads as follows, is being signed by German residents:—"To the Reichstag,—We, the undersigned German residents in the different ports and business centres of Australia, have learnt that the Government will this session lay before the Reichstag a bill for the increase of the German navy. Even if the security of our property in Australia does not depend on a strong German fleet, still we recognise the value of increasing our strength in every direction. We have, here in Australia, seen how England's navy is always ready and prepared to protect her commerce and merchant ships, and how the certainty of this protection of late years from England has called into existence a number of remunerative commercial and plantation enterprises in the South Seas. We have also noticed with regret and shame how the large sacrifices of the German pioneers in the South Seas have been deprived of health, life, and capital, and their well-earned reward lost to them, because our weak fleet was not able to protect at the crucial period. In this connection we have had to experience how in the time of the last revolution in Peru the German Empire had no ship at her disposal to guard the local interests, and was obliged to ask another Power to undertake this protection. Independent of the fact that as a second Power of the world it is unworthy that in the hour of danger the protection of her subjects should be relegated to a rival, if it becomes the principle of our Imperial policy to rely on the good services of another Power to protect our interests abroad, we must forego any serious opposition to that Power in her efforts at commerce and colonisation. We, the undersigned, and many thousands who dwell in the interior, and are therefore not able, on account of the long distances, to sign our respectful petition, are proud of being Germans, and will always be ready with all our might to defend our country and to guard her honour. We may expect therefore that our grand Fatherland, for whose unity many of us have fought on the French battlefields, will recognise as its duty the protection of its sons abroad, where not the right but the might prevails; and such protection can only be afforded by a formidable fleet. We beg, therefore, humbly and strenuously, the members of the Reichstag not to deny its sanction to the increase of the navy, particularly of the cruiser fleet. In deepest devotion, we are yours obediently, Alldeutschen Verband Ortsgruppe of Sydney."

[Here followed a number of signatures.]

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Stock movements: 625 mixed weaners, Bowna to Yarra Yarra, P. Devine owner; 16 fat bullocks, Wagga Wagga for Melbourne, C. Cannon owner; 80 cattle, Hawksview to Victoria, B. King owner.

TO-DAY.

Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science: 10 a.m., Sectional Committees meet; 10.30, Presidential Addresses, Sections A and D; 11.30, Sections C and J; 2 p.m., Sections E and H; 3 p.m., Sections G and I; 4 p.m., Mrs. Russell's Garden Party.
Horticultural Association of N.S. Wales: Monthly Meeting, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, 8 p.m.
Meeting in the Tent at Stanmore, 7.30 p.m.
Glebe Town Hall: Lecture by Mrs. Tibbs, 8.30 p.m.
Brighton Racing Club: Pony and Galloway Meeting; first race at 2.45 p.m.
Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus, opposite Redfern Railway Station, 8.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Babes in the Wood," 7.45.
Criterion Theatre: "Charley's Aunt," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Dick Whittington Up to Date," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Jack the Giant-killer," 8 p.m.
The Tivoli Theatre: The Kellino Family, 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park.
The Cyclorama, opposite Redfern Railway Station.
Lumiere's Cinematographe, Pitt-street.
Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition: 88 King-street.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

NEW SOUTH WALES LOAN.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

A New South Wales Government 3 per cent. loan of £1,500,000 has been placed on the London market.

The minimum has been fixed at 99. Tenders will be opened on Tuesday next.

WHAT THE PREMIER SAYS.

The Premier, Mr. G. H. Reid, upon being seen by our special reporter, who is travelling with him at Mudgee, said that the Government had been considering the advisability of raising a loan for some time. At first the Government was desirous of raising a loan locally, but in the present state of the money market he thought it better to float a loan in England. No loans had been raised in London for some years excepting for renewals or for paying off Treasury bills. The present loan was for £1,500,000 at 3 per cent., and it was being raised in view of advances during the past two or three years from the public account. These advances amounted to a sum of about £1,550,000. The loan had nothing to do with the recent Appropriation Bill or the Loan Bill.

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

A MALTESE CONTINGENT.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The citizens of Malta have offered to raise a contingent of 1000 men for service with the Anglo-Egyptian Expedition in the Soudan.

WEST AFRICA.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

A British expedition, consisting of eight officers and 200 men, has been despatched to Ediba, on the Niger, to punish the Cross River tribes.

CLIPPERTON ISLAND.

AN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

A dispute has arisen between the United States, Mexico, and France regarding the ownership of Clipperton Island, in the North Pacific Ocean, lying in a north-westerly direction from the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador, South America.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

The bill introduced into the Hungarian Chamber by Baron Banffy, the President of the Council, for provisionally prolonging the Ausgleich, or arrangements for meeting the joint expenditure of Austria and Hungary, has been read a second time by a large majority. An amendment moved by M. Kossuth, a son of the famous patriot, in favour of a separate economic system for Hungary, was rejected.

DUELLING IN HUNGARY.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Two duels arising out of the recent political crisis have been fought at Buda Pesth, the capital of Hungary. Four deputies were wounded.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND.

EIGHT HOURS FOR MINERS.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

At the annual conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, now sitting at Bristol, it was resolved to press for eight hours.

In connection with the engineers' strike the employers deny that several firms are leaving the combination.

Mr. Siemens, the president of the London Employers' Associations, has declared that the employers will not recede from the terms placed by their delegates before the late conference.

NEW SOUTH WALES COLONISTS.

BANQUET IN LONDON.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

The New South Wales colonists will hold a banquet in London on January 26 in honour of Foundation Day.

THE TEST MATCH.

THE NO-BALLING OF JONES.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

In commenting upon the no-balling of Jones by Phillips during the late test match at Melbourne the "Daily News" says it is refreshing to know that there is one umpire in the world with the courage of his convictions and determined to uphold the law with regard to throwing.

THE LONDON PRESS ON THE AUSTRALIAN VICTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The London "Sportsman" heartily congratulates the Australians upon their decisive and meritorious success over Stoddart's team.

The "Standard" says that after the first innings of each team a crushing defeat of the Englishmen was expected. The Australians, it adds, thoroughly deserve their victory.

DOUBLE INCOME TAX.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

A letter written by "A Dissatisfied Australian" appears in the "Times" this morning complaining of the payment of double income tax.

SALE OF ALCOHOL IN RUSSIA.

A STATE MONOPOLY.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Russian Government has decided to assume the State monopoly of the sale of alcohol throughout the Empire.

ENGLAND TO THE FRONT.
Another addition to England's laurels. Ogden's Guinea Gold Cigarettes victorious everywhere. The world conquered by this fashionable Smoke.—Advt.

THE FAR EAST.

GERMANY LEASES KIAO-CHOU.

A PRACTICAL CESSION OF TERRITORY.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

Germany has leased Kiao-chou from China for 50 years.

The Pekin Imperial Gazette announces that the territory assigned to Germany comprises the entire inner basin of the bay of Kiao-chou, the tongues of land lying south and north of the entrance to the bay, and the islands within and before the bay, as well as a large tract of inland territory surrounding Kiao-chou.

In the event of Germany finding another port more suitable for her purposes China undertakes to exchange it for Kiao-chou.

WHAT THE "TIMES" THINKS.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The "Times" says it assumes that Germany regards the lease of Kiao-chou as a definitive cession of territory by China, with full sovereign powers on the part of Germany.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

ANOTHER PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

A BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

The two columns under the command of Brigadier-General Sir Bindon Blood have started to punish the Bonerwals, and will force the Tangra, Umbeyla, and Malandri Passes.

Major Devereux Walter Hickman, who was serving in the Tochi Field Force with the 33rd Bengal Infantry, has been killed while engaged in protecting a convoy at Umdi Khotal.

DEATH OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL YEATMAN-BIGGS.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The death is announced, at Peshawur, of Brigadier-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., who commanded one of the columns of the Tirah Expedition under General Sir William Lockhart.

The cause of death was dysentery, brought on by the hardships of the Tirah campaign.

SUNBURY STEEPLECHASE WON BY EBOR.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

Mr. S. H. Gollan's brg Ebor, by Robert the Devil, made all the running in the Sunbury Steeplechase to-day, and won by six lengths.

ANTWERP WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Antwerp wool sales will open on the 11th instant. The catalogue will comprise 3200 bales, of which 50 bales are Australian.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A deputation pointed out to the Commissioner for Public Works to-day the serious position of the residents of Port Pirie, owing to the prospect of a water famine there. If a larger supply is not forthcoming, it is more than likely that the Proprietary Smelting Works will have to be closed, which will also mean a great reduction in the railway traffic between Port Pirie and Broken Hill. The Commissioner promised to get a report upon the best possible means of increasing the supply, and if the work could be carried out at a reasonable cost it would be promptly undertaken.

The Governor and Lady Victoria Buxton to-day returned from Port Lincoln, where they have been cruising for the past fortnight. Mr. Charles Buxton, son of the Governor, left Port Lincoln on Monday in order to catch the mail steamer for India.

A sad drowning fatality is reported from Renmark to-day. Three little girls, Florrie Crabb, aged 10, Hilda Evans, 11, and Adelaide Kokoschke, 8, were swimming in a shallow arm of the river when they were carried away into the river by the current. Florrie Crabb was recovered, and animation was restored, but the others were not found until some hours after the accident.

During 1897 the number of letters which have passed through the Post Office was nearly 19,000,000, being an increase of 753,000 on the previous year; newspapers totalled 9,500,000, an increase of 754,000; telegrams, local and intercolonial, show a falling off, as also do cablegrams from the other colonies, but the cablegrams from Adelaide show an increase. The telegraphic traffic between Western Australia and the other colonies shows an increase.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Registrar-General estimates the population at the end of December, exclusive of aborigines, at 110,364 males and 51,544 females, total 161,908, a decrease of 495 on the figures of the previous quarter. There was an increase by excess of births over deaths of 376, but a decrease of 871 by excess of departures by sea over arrivals.

The Premier has informed a reporter that the gold export returns for December as published do not include 13,000oz. received at Geraldton, just after the month closed, from the Murchison fields, and which had been despatched too late to arrive in time. Had this quantity arrived in time the total export would have amounted to 85,100oz., or another record. The Premier also says there is no cause for alarm at the decrease in the male population owing to the excess of departures over arrivals. He anticipates a return of most of them after the holidays.

Speaking at the induction of his son, Lieutenant Smith, to the third degree in the military lodge of Freemasons at Perth on Tuesday night, the Worshipful Master Bro. His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, complained of having been slighted by the local District Grand Lodge in not being asked to assist at the dedication and consecration of the new Masonic building recently, of which he had previously laid the foundation-stone. No notice, he said, had been taken of him except that he had received, in common with all masters in the colony, the ordinary invitation.

The customs revenue for December decreased by £2887, as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The revenue for the quarter decreased £21,828, while for the year it shows an increase of £79,497. The decreases on the quarter and the month are the effect of the reduction in the duties.

THE NEW GUINEA GOLD-FIELDS.

COOKTOWN, Thursday.

The schooner Waiwera arrived from Woodlark Island, via Samarai, last evening, bringing 15 miners, all in good health. Woodlark Island is reported to be healthy. Some miners there are doing well, and others are making tucker. There are a number of men at Samarai waiting the first opportunity to go to Mambare. A man named Robinson died rather suddenly at Samarai from fever.

CEYLON GOLDEN TIPS, the finest Tea obtainable, exceptional value at 2s 3d, 1s 9d, 1s 6d, 1s 3d per lb. R. M. Harris and Co., Teamen, 21 Strand.—Advt.

VICTORIA.

RETURN OF COMMANDER COLLINS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Commander Collins, secretary of the Defence Department, returned to-day from a visit to England. He waited upon the Premier to-day and reported on certain matters into which he had been commissioned to inquire. Commander Collins strongly urged the adoption of the Martini-Enfield rifles for the use of the local defence forces. Later in the day the Premier cabled to London for an immediate shipment of 5000 Martini-Enfield rifles. When the rifles reach the colony the present stock of Martini-Henry rifles will be sent in batches to England for conversion into Martini-Enfields.

All doubt as to the identity of the Capetown murderer, George Goodwin Crouch Smith, was cleared away to-day, when a photo was received from the head of the police in Cape Colony and identified as that of George Goodwin Crouch Smith, a former resident of Melbourne.

At the Ascot races a jockey named Walter James Kerr was thrown from his horse and sustained concussion of the brain.

The directors of the Bank of Victoria have given notice of their intention to pay off on April 15 next one-fifth of the amount of all the deferred deposit receipts. This will make a total of 80 per cent., leaving only 20 per cent. more to be released in order to free the bank from the obligations of the reconstruction scheme of 1893.

The Fyrian sailed yesterday for Sydney with a quantity of fruit and produce, 40 sacks malt, 80 chests tea, 71 cases preserved apples, and 80 bags rice.

QUEENSLAND.

GALE AT THARGOMINDAH.

THARGOMINDAH, Thursday.

A severe gale, accompanied by rain, passed over the town yesterday evening, causing considerable damage. The Club Hotel was partially unroofed. Mr. White's flour store was completely wrecked. The gable end of Mr. Leahy's store was blown in and partially unroofed four bedrooms. The Royal Hotel was unroofed, and the side was blown off Mr. Macoll's store. Much damage was done to private houses. The gale lasted seven minutes. Galvanised iron was blown long distances, and was bent and torn. The rainfall was 60 points. It is now fine.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The sugar exports for the six months from June to December inclusive amount to 54,090 tons.

The annual conference of the Queensland State school teachers, which has been sitting for the last three days, concluded to-day, when all the recommendations affecting the condition and welfare of the teachers generally were passed, as well as suggestions to the Department of Instruction. The most important items discussed were the question of teachers' salaries and the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, which the conference recommended should be enforced. A large number of country teachers are visiting Brisbane just now.

The railway returns for December show increases, as compared with December of the previous year, of £613 on the Southern line, and £965 on the Central. The decreases are:—Bowen line, £435; Northern, £1435; Cooktown, £13. The total receipts for December are £108,883, a decrease of £138 as compared with December, 1896.

The conference of the Australian Workers' Union was commenced to-day at the Trades' Hall.

The sixth session of the Provincial Council of the Australian Labour Federation will be held on Monday next. Delegates from Croydon, Charters Towers, Longreach, Charleville, Hughenden, and Mackay have already arrived, or have been appointed in Brisbane.

THARGOMINDAH, Thursday.

The Governor of Queensland will visit the town and district next week. He will go to the rabbit-infested district south of the town, and will be accompanied by Sir H. Tozer. The district is in a bad state through the drought, and the visit is inopportune, but there are plenty of rabbits. Preparations are being made for his reception all along the route. The Governor makes a tour all round the district, and returns to Brisbane about the 22nd instant.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

A deputation this morning waited on the Minister for Lands with reference to Mr. Bowes Kelly's offer to give £500 for a track to Port Davey if the Hobart citizens subscribed a similar sum. The deputation asked whether the Government would contribute pound for pound up to £1000. The Minister declined making any positive promise until the citizens' quota of £500 had been raised. Then the request for Government help would be favourably considered.

Reports from the fire-stricken districts show that the settlers are bravely battling with their misfortunes, and are being assisted by their less afflicted neighbours in the most generous manner, and also by the general public.

BANQUET TO MR. A. H. COLLIER.

MR. WILLIAM M'MILLAN ON SPECULATION.

At the Australia Hotel last night the personal friends of Mr. Alfred H. Collier, accountant of this city, tendered him a banquet for the purpose of bidding him farewell on the eve of his departure for Adelaide, for which city he leaves to-day to establish a branch of his business. The repast was served in the best manner of the Australia. Mr. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. H. Hoskings (W. Gardiner and Co.), C. E. Graham (J. Connell), W. L. Spier and J. Neill Barclay (Sargood, Butler, Nichol, and Ewen), F. W. Stoddart (Robert Reid and Co.), Theo. A. Bossen (Peterson, Bossen, and Co.), G. F. Todman (Heyde, Todman, and Co.), J. Dibble (Henry Bull and Co.), J. K. Hunter (Webster's, Limited), A. E. Collier, Wm. Soutar, Dr. F. C. Stephens, Dr. F. W. Hall, Messrs. George C. Chalmers (Colonial Finance Company), Alfred Shaw, H. Gleeson (Marshall's Brewery), A. F. Lord, A. E. Wallis, Wynne Roberts, J. J. M'Manus, William Lord, — Rowe, George Hellings, and E. P. Truman. The toast list was commendably short, including but three toasts, "The Queen," "Our Guest," and "The Chairman."

After the health of the Queen had been duly honoured, the chairman proposed the health of "Our Guest." Having acknowledged the honour done him in being asked to preside on such an occasion, he said he could not help feeling a certain amount of envy when he considered the almost uniformly successful career of their guest. That night they had one among them who must have been born under a lucky star, and who was a modern Napoleon—a Napoleon of Australia. A hackneyed expression, first used, he believed, by a celebrated Roman general, was, "I came, I saw, I conquered," and if he knew anything of the career of his friend, if he had no family motto of his own, he could not have a finer incentive to cover his escutcheon. Mr. Collier had been amongst them for 10 years. He had been associated with various branches of business in the city. He had been peculiarly associated with one branch of commerce, the Warehousemen's Association, which in one way, as far as the curtailment of illegitimate credit was concerned, had been an absolute boon to the community. During the whole of his career here he had given his tact and his intelligence to the working of that institution, so that against all precedent it had survived every possible shock. Mr. Collier was one of those happy men who were too few in Sydney, who knew the happy medium between inertia on the one hand and what was known as "wild cat" speculation on the other. He had that spirit of enterprise which was necessary for every community in order to take advantage of the great possibilities surrounding it, and the success of Mr. Collier's career because he was a successful and comparatively wealthy man that day was due to his judgment and wisdom, and moderate speculativeness in taking advantage of the conditions surrounding him, and not by any absurd and extreme system of venture, but by skilful speculation he had made himself master of the business he had entered upon. As a result of his success he was about to depart for a more congenial centre, where he would have greater scope for his peculiar genius.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. A. H. Collier, in reply, thanked the company for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received. The friends he saw around him were those with whom he had been closely connected ever since his arrival in the colony 10 years ago. He did not like to say good-bye, but the merchants of Sydney had been doing so well lately that there was nothing for him to do as a trade assignee. Under those circumstances he must either speculate or get into mischief. He did not wish to do the latter; and as he behaved that for the next few years a big business in mining would be done in Adelaide, he had determined to go there. His intention was to open a branch at Adelaide; but for all that he hoped to be over in Sydney often, and hoped to often meet all his friends who had assembled to do him honour that night.

The toast of "The Chairman" was also honoured.

During the evening songs and instrumental selections were contributed by the guest, Mr. Collier, Mr. Geo. Hellings, and Mr. E. P. Truman.

OUR BOYS.

"WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THEM?"

SKILLED LABOUR.

TIME HAS WORKED WONDERS.

THE OLD SYSTEM OF APPRENTICESHIP ALMOST GONE.

NO SYSTEMATIC TRAINING OF ARTISANS.

(BY A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.)

II.

In our article of yesterday under the same heading we dealt primarily with two classes of boys—those who are destined for a University career and those who are absorbed less from inclination than from lack of any set purpose into the ranks of clerical chair labour. Our object in selecting these two special classes was to show that in at least a great many cases the University graduate at the end of his course is in no better position than his humbler confrere. He has, it is true, a degree behind him, but failing success in law, medicine, or engineering the right to style himself Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Medicine helps a man little in the struggle for existence. Indeed, it will be found, as a general rule, that a graduate, having obtained some outside employment, finds it convenient to drop a degree which can only lead to unpleasant comment. For the graduate, of course, there is always the chance of teaching; but our opinion based on long experience is that, short of a mastership in one of the few leading schools, the graduate out of work had better turn his attention to any other profession. Better, indeed, become an ordinary clerk. In that case the University man will be led to recognise this very unfortunate position: He has, after the expenditure of much time, labour and money, obtained a degree which is perfectly useless to him in his new vocation; and the half-educated boy who went straight from school into an office has got from three to five years' start of him, and those years the best of his life.

But, it will be said, surely the chances of a youth going out into the world are not limited either to the liberal professions or to a clerkship. We admit that they are not; but at the same time it would be impossible to overlook the increasing tendency of the sons of citizens and labourers to shrink from manual labour. Thanks to the spread of public education the boundary which once existed between the positions of office boy and clerk has been practically done away with. The urchin who carries out parcels and romps in the elevator with others of his own class to-day is the serious and nattily-dressed clerk of to-morrow. For our own part we regard with the gravest fear this growing defection from the ranks of skilled labour—for it is in the artisan class especially that this tendency is to be noticed. We may well ask from where, in the course of a generation or so, are we to draw our skilled labour? Certainly, at least, we are doing nothing to prepare our rising youth for such occupations. Shall we fall back upon the superior technical skill of the German operatives, or, in despair, abandon our manufactures entirely to the hands of some more practical race, such as the Japanese? The question may seem a little far-fetched at the present juncture; but questions equally as utopian to all seeming have before now proved to have very practical effect upon the history of nations. Nor are we at all disposed to regard the popular cry of "Settle the people upon the land" as an ideal remedy for such a state of things as we have outlined. The fact remains that the cultivation of land is becoming less and less attractive to the people. Take for instance the recent change which has occurred in the Riverina, where many of the pastoralists have tried the experiment of cutting up the best land of their stations into agricultural holdings and handing them over to farmers for the cultivation of cereals on the sharing system. Where did those settlers come from? From the western districts of Victoria, where farming has been a tradition for half a century. As a rule the selector's son in New South Wales prefers riding about the country, droving sheep, or even shearing to the rude manual labour of ploughing and reaping in a stubborn soil and under a burning sun. Nor have the conditions of his life been so comfortable as to lead him to at all look upon the existence led by his parents as desirable. So at the first chance he tries his fortune in Sydney, happy above all things if he can get into the police or the Railway Department. So, instead of the country absorbing the surplus labour of the city, we find it an active and a by no means unimportant competitor in the metropolitan labour market.

But it would be unfair to saddle upon our educational system alone the gradual extinction of the artisan class. We believe, as we have already said, that many of the subjects taught in the Public school curriculum are, considering the nature of the circumstances, not only useless, but perfectly absurd. Theoretically, of course, no boys are the worse, and most boys would be the better, for a knowledge of botany or the tonic sol-fa—if they learned it. The peculiarity of our Public school system is that they leave school long before they have thoroughly learned anything. What we contend is that some system of technical education, however slight, would be infinitely preferable to these so-called "accomplishments," which occupy so much time and lead to so little result. Teach a lad to handle a jack-plane and the trick never leaves him, and may be made not only useful in itself, but the basis of further instruction at any time. But the ability to parse more or less correctly selected sentences from the Royal Reader has never, so far as we know, led to the formation of a correct English style or to any other good purpose whatever. The Department of Public Instruction itself seems to have recognised this truth in some dim fashion of its own, and hence the establishment of a system of technical education which must always be incomplete, first because the curriculum is deficient, secondly because it only applies to a limited number of schools, and thirdly because it appeals to scholars at too advanced an age. Take for instance the Fort-street School, which may undoubtedly be accepted as the model of whatever is excellent in the Public school system. Here the scholars are taught carpentering, with at least such success that they are able on leaving the school to at once obtain employment as improvers. The Fort-street school has the advantage of a special teacher, but at the Crown-street, Blackfriars, and Sussex-street schools, arrangements are also made by which lessons in carpentery are given, and the scholars of the Cleveland-street school attend the course of lessons at the Technical College. We might perhaps mention in passing that the technical course very properly includes cooking; but the system might possibly be improved by forcing every candidate for a diploma to live on her own culinary preparations for a week, and giving the survivors a license to marry.

The real underlying evil which accounts for the gradual extinction of the artisan class lies in the almost total disappearance of the old system of apprenticeship consequent upon the spread of the factory system. In the old days a boy was apprenticed to his trade, and not only did he learn it thoroughly in all its branches, but the constant supervision of his master, and the knowledge that any bad conduct would lead to the cancelling of his indentures, acted as a double incentive to his progress. But with the growth of factories and the introduction of labour-saving machinery the old type of skilled workman disappeared. Labour has been systematised. The artisan is no longer the machine, but a mere cogwheel in a complicated machinery. He knows how to perform one single part of the process admirably well, and of the completed product he is as ignorant as any outsider. Who, for instance, troubles nowadays to teach a boy how to make boots? The lad becomes a clicker or an upper-closer, or adopts some other point in the process of manufacture, and there he stops short. If we seek for apprentices now we must look only to the small shops, where the master employs at most one or two hands, and where he is lucky enough to come across a boy who is willing to serve out his articles instead of at once going into a factory and drawing wages from the outset. Such boys, we are afraid, are rare. Nor under the present condition of things can we altogether blame those who see little use in learning the whole of a trade from top to bottom. Possibly something might be done to stop the drift did the Government in the railway and tramway branches revert to the system of apprenticeship which formerly existed. But though the term "apprentice" is still used in the Government regulations, though, for instance, it is set out elaborately that lads will be taken into the shops to learn the trade of fitter, turner, &c., that "they will not be taken under the age of 15 years, and will not be out of their apprenticeship till the age of 21 years," it is expressly stipulated in the very same clause that "they will be able to resign and will be liable to dismissal in the same way as the men."

The same rule applies to cleaners, shop boys, and lad porters. Unfortunately the number of lads absorbed annually in these departments is a mere atom in the crowd of youths seeking employment. Still, we cannot help thinking that even in this limited way the Government might set an example which might—we do not say that it would—do a great deal to counteract the evil effects of the factory system.

What, then, are the chances of the boy who seeks his livelihood in the open market of industrial labour? We confess that they do not seem to us very promising. Doubtless in some way or other, probably quite unexpected on his part, he will find his own place in the jostling crowd. But the inevitable tendency of the factory system has been to lower wages for labour which is no longer skilled, but merely mechanical. Here as in every other department of life a little capital is almost imperative if a man is to escape from the ruck and carve out some way for himself. Of course, in every department of life there are men who would succeed against all obstacles. Stevenson, in his "New Arabian Nights," very concisely sets out this truth. "You have £100," he represents his cigar-seller as saying; "if you are of the stamp of man who gets on, a penny would be as useful; if you are the sort of man who does not succeed, a thousand would be as useless." Men of that class are beyond and above all rules. But for the average lad, not blessed with exceptional abilities, and at the same time not below the general standard, the struggle is hard enough; and we contend that he should enter upon it thoroughly prepared for the combat, and not throw himself haphazard into the ocean of chance.

AMUSEMENTS.

FITZGERALD BROTHERS' CIRCUS.

The circus, which is being held opposite the railway station, continues to do a large business. Last night there was a packed house. The remarkable feats of some of the most cleverly-trained ponies, and the marvellous performance with which the entertainment is concluded, were most enthusiastically applauded. On Saturday there will be a change in the programme, Marco and Mario being the new artists.

THE PREMIER AT MUDGEE.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MUDGEE, Thursday.

The Premier and members of Parliament travelling with him received a most hearty reception at Mudgee. The train arrived at the station at 6.45 a.m., but notwithstanding the early hour a large number of citizens, headed by Mr. R. Jones, M.L.A., were assembled to do honour to the occasion. A loud voice cried "Welcome to Mudgee," at which there were enthusiastic cheers. A great deal of hand-shaking followed. The Premier was accompanied on the trip by Mr. J. Cook, Postmaster-General, Messrs. E. M. Clark, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, W. H. Wilks, and T. Bavister, Ms.L.A. Mrs. G. H. Reid also formed one of the party. Buggies were in waiting, and as the party was driven through the town it was to be noticed that the streets were decorated with flags, banners, and evergreens.

RECEPTION BY THE ALDERMEN.

A reception was held at the Town Hall during the morning, at which the Mayors of the boroughs of Mudgee and Cudgegong and the aldermen of the respective boroughs welcomed the visitors. In response to the toast of his health Mr. Reid spoke in praise of the resources of the district, and the visiting members of Parliament also spoke. During the afternoon the visitors were driven over the town and district. The public buildings were inspected, and the hospital visited. Some of the visitors paid a visit to the vineyard of Mr. A. Roth, jun.

PUBLIC BANQUET.

In the evening Mr. Reid was entertained at a public banquet. The chair was taken by Alderman Cameron (Mayor of Mudgee), and Alderman Tuckerman (Mayor of Cudgegong) occupied the vice-chair. The toast of "The Ministry" was proposed by Mr. Daniel Cassin, and was received with enthusiasm.

Mr. Reid briefly responded, and was accorded a magnificent reception. He confined his remarks to jocular and social subjects, and in conclusion called upon the Postmaster-General to respond.

Mr. Cook expressed himself as being pleased at the magnificent reception accorded to the visitors. He said the Premier was one of the most abused men in the country, but he was glad to see that he had had such a good reception at Mudgee.

Mr. J. D. Meares proposed "The Parliament." He said Mudgee was delighted to welcome two Ministers of the Crown and five Ms.L.A. at the same time. The toast was responded to by Messrs. R. Jones, Bavister, E. M. Clark, Wilks, and Fitzpatrick. The toast of the chairman was also drunk.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall commencing at 8 o'clock. The chair was occupied by Mr. Tuckerman, Mayor of Cudgegong. There was a crowded attendance, a large number of ladies occupying the front seats. Before the commencement of the proceedings Miss Jones, daughter of Mr. Robert Jones, M.L.A., presented Mrs. G. H. Reid with a handsome bouquet of flowers "from the little girls of Mudgee."

The Premier, who was accorded a warm reception, said that there was not an election on hand, and party feeling was in a tranquil state. Their member, however, had for long impressed upon him the necessity of making a trip to Mudgee. (Cheers.) He had been received in a most generous manner. He would endeavour to put before them some account of the public affairs of the country. The present Parliament was about to expire. There would be a general election about June next. He would endeavour, therefore, to explain to them what the Parliament had done. The Government was being constantly attacked for its shortcomings. He referred especially to the Legislative Assembly. They had been asked to believe that it was a Parliament below its predecessors in zeal and ability; but if one Parliament could be compared to another there was no Parliament which stood better to the people. Of course, there might be differences of opinion as to the work done by the present Parliament. Still, it was hated by certain persons in the country. Yet these persons had nothing to say other than "fine words" for Parliament so long as Parliament let matters drift in the old-fashioned way. There was one thing which singled this Parliament out from all others. It had endeavoured to fix the public burdens so that a fair share of those burdens had to be contributed by the wealthier classes. That had been supposed to be the policy of all Governments for the last 40 years, but it was a legacy which had been handed down from Parliament to Parliament until the present day. This Ministry had, however, carried into existence the traditions of the past. What has been the talk of politicians for years past had now become the law of the land. (Cheers.) But according to his critics this policy had been answerable for all the ills which had fallen upon the country for years past. Droughts had been put down to the land tax, a fall in price of our products had been attributed to the income tax, so this catalogue of lamentations had been swelling. One might almost think that our fiscal policy had brought down upon us the condemnation of Providence. Still one or two good seasons would render such critics dumb. (Hear, hear.) Another thing the enemy said was that one unfortunate class which was taxed to excess was the wealthier class, and that the greater portion of the community escaped free. In all other portions of the globe the opposite was the case. They might almost be grateful that in one portion of the country such a thing could happen. (Cheers.) The late Government used to tax the people, as they said, for their good. This was what he was doing with regard to the wealthier classes. (Applause.) He was taking sixpence in the pound or a penny in the pound from those who had plenty of this world's goods. He admitted that taxation in itself was not a good thing. Still, there must be taxation, simply because the country could not exist upon nothing. His desire was to make taxation press upon the individual in proportion to his ability to bear the burden. Still, even now a million and a half was paid by the customs. He defended the exemptions in both the income and the land tax. Up to the amount of money which every man required to support himself and bring up a family the money should be free. (Hear, hear.) Even then, by way of spirits and tobacco, thousands of these persons voluntarily contributed to the revenue. Whenever he saw the smoke arise from a workman's pipe he said to himself, "That man is working for me." (Laughter.) Previously the customs' tariff imposed burdens on persons who were struggling for a living just as heavily as on persons who were millionaires. Each had to pay at the same rate for clothing. The basis of the land tax was simply the unimproved value of the land. He desired to show them how the land tax fell on the landowners of the country. There was a complaint that a great many landowners paid no tax at all. That was perfectly true; but the exemptions which these persons got the men who had the largest estates in the country also got. So they all started fair. Of 123,500 landowners 86,600 paid no land tax at all. Of the 36,791 who did pay, 93 per cent. only paid in sums varying from 1s to £20 per annum. He claimed for his policy that he did not tax any class unduly, but treated all fairly. Mr. Reid proceeded to explain the new system of accounts which had been adopted by the Government. Sir George Dibbs had criticised his accounts, but he denounced Sir George Dibbs's figures as false. Sir George Dibbs had hit the wrong target. No doubt every Treasurer made mistakes, but as yet his opponents had not been able to discredit him with the electors of New South Wales. He had been charged with extravagance in this time of anxiety and distress. This he denied. Since his Government had come into power it had decreased the expenditure per head from £2 18s 5d to £1 17s 11d. That represented £1 0s 6d per head saving in the public expenditure in 1896-97, so this rash and reckless Reid had actually governed the people of the country for a less amount per head than was ever known in this country before. Another indictment was that the Government bolstered up a fictitious state of prosperity by a reckless system of loan expenditure. This was not so. The loan expenditure on public works from 1883 down to 1895 was £2,900,000 a year. From January 1, 1895, down to June 30 last it was £1,340,000. That was £1,600,000 less than their predecessors, so that this rash and reckless Reid had been very prudent in his expenditure out of the loan money. (Applause.) It had also been said that he used trust funds instead of raising loans to pay for public works. His only answer was that he would be a fool if he did not use the money. He had to pay 3 per cent. interest for the money, and if he allowed it to be idle and also paid 3 per cent. for borrowed money, he would then be paying 6 per cent. for the money used on public works. It had been asked what had the Government done? In a nutshell it had done this—It had taken £800,000 a year taxation off the people of the country through the customs. It had reappraised the rents in the Western district to something like a fair amount, losing £100,000 a year by the process. The Government had taken those loads off and had only put on a new load of £420,000 a year. How was it, the Government would be asked, that they could give up £900,000 a year of money and yet carry on the work of the country? Well, they had saved a large amount by Civil Service reform and by other economies. Speaking generally, he contended that no Parliament ever passed a longer list of much-needed measures than the present Parliament. He had promised to pay attention to law reform, and a measure dealing with this matter would be introduced during the forthcoming short session. Regarding the coloured races, he maintained that a white Australia was the most sacred article in the creed of every Australian. With reference to the proposed reform of the Upper House he had not lost sight of it. He was simply taking his time over the matter, and his friends and enemies knew that he was never more dangerous than when he took time. He did not want to destroy the Upper House, but only to reform it. He admitted politicians wanted watching. (Applause.) He wanted watching himself. (Laughter.) He intended to give them the opportunity of watching the Legislative Council. (Applause.) The Council made everything change. He appointed some gentlemen there a few years ago, and now he hardly knew their colour or them. (Laughter.) How was it that some of them became most rampant Tories to whom Lord Salisbury would seem like a Radical? Still many of them were good members, and he hoped to see them come back in the reformed House. The fact was that now the members of the Upper House were "puffed up" with a sense of their own political immortality that was not good for them. He did not believe in political immortality, and would suggest that appointments for the Upper House should be limited to five years, and if they were good men they could be re-appointed when the five years were up. The change in the Upper House could be carried out without any noise or any great feeling, as it was only a reasonable reform that was wanted, and both sides of the House, free-traders and protectionists alike, were in favour of it. He thought it more appropriate to hold the reform back until Parliament died in the ordinary course of affairs, but come the fight would in the month of June next. In conclusion, the Premier referred to the good work in the Assembly done by Mr. Robert Jones, M.L.A., and also by the labour party. He stated that there had never been any compact between the party and the Government. All the labour members had done was to seek their own good, whilst the Government had sought the good of the whole community. (Loud and continued cheers.)

In response to calls Mr. Cook (Postmaster-General) made a short speech, and was well received, and Mr. Bavister also said a few words.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed at the conclusion to Mr. Reid for his address. Enthusiastic cheers were given for the Premier and Mrs. Reid.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

CRIMINAL LIBEL CASE.

MINISTER FOR LANDS AND "TRUTH."

THE JURY FAILS TO AGREE.

EXTRAORDINARY TELEGRAM IN FRENCH.

APPLICATION TO ATTACH A NEWSPAPER FOR CONTEMPT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

When the jury was locked up at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night to consider its verdict on the evidence given in respect of the charge laid against John Norton and George Lonsdale, of having criminally libelled the Minister for Lands in the columns of "Truth," Acting Justice Backhouse intimated that he would attend at the Supreme Court at half-past 9 o'clock on the following morning for the purpose of hearing any applications that might be made by the Crown Prosecutor or defendants on any particular matter they wished to bring before him, and also to give him an opportunity of ascertaining whether the jury had or had not arrived at a decision. Punctually therefore at half-past 9 o'clock this morning his Honor took his seat on the Bench. The court was speedily filled with an expectant crowd, and various were the opinions expressed as to the result of the deliberations of the jury during the night. Some hazarded the opinion that the jury had arrived at a verdict of acquittal; but this view was scouted by others, who pointed out that had such been the case his Honor would have been sent for immediately after breakfast. Many held the opinion that the inability of the jury to come to a decision between 4 o'clock and 10 p.m. on the previous evening clearly indicated that there was no possibility of an acquittal, still less of a conviction, and that consequently the protracted trial would end in a disagreement. Shortly before his Honor took his seat on the bench the acting sheriff entered the jury-room. After an absence of a minute he returned to his Honor with an instruction that the jury had not yet arrived at a verdict and that there was no prospect at that moment of it being able to do so for some time to come. His Honor then took his seat on the bench.

Mr. Norton: Your Honor, I have seriously reflected with regard to my complaint that the Sydney "Evening News" had been guilty of contempt in publishing a portion of the proscribed evidence before your prohibition order was withdrawn, and will make no application for the attachment of the publisher of that newspaper. I ask your Honor, however, to consider the gross misrepresentations of the evidence contained in the Bathurst "Daily Times." I ask you to say whether it is not a gross interference with the course of justice for a newspaper to distort evidence in the outrageous manner in which it had been distorted.

His Honor: I presume you make your application against the proprietor of the Bathurst "Daily Times." If so it will have to be made on affidavit in the usual way, and he would then be called upon to show cause.

Mr. Norton: Anticipating I will get down to Sydney after these proceedings, I will file an affidavit.

His Honor: Then I direct that an order be formally drawn up, and any further application must be made on that application.

Mr. Norton: I also hand in the telegram in French I received yesterday from Sydney, and ask that inquiries be made as to the identity of the sender of such a gross and insulting message.

His Honor: If you hand the telegram to Mr. Beaver, of the Crown Law Office, I will ask him to get the Inspector-General of Police to find out, if possible, who sent it, and supply the information to you.

The telegram in question was worded as follows:—"Salut apres la débâcle, viens chez nous la bas aux enfers.—W. Freeman Kitchen, Helvetia, Macquarie-street;" which, literally translated, means: "Greeting after the downfall; come to our home in H—."

The Court at 10 o'clock again adjourned. It was not stated by his Honor when he would return to the court and summon the jury, but it was generally believed that he would keep it locked up for the full period of 24 hours, which would expire at 10 minutes to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This view was almost confirmed, for after it had been absent 23 hours,

His Honor again took his seat on the bench and said: From a message I have received from the jury I propose to bring them in, but not one word must be said in their presence except by me.

The jurors were then summoned, and, in answer to the question whether they had agreed on their verdict, the Foreman said: "We cannot agree, your Honor."

His Honor: Have you agreed upon any part of the indictment?

The Foreman: I cannot say we have.

His Honor: Are you likely to agree?

The Foreman: No, your Honor.

His Honor: Can I help you in any way?

The Foreman: I will consult with the other jurymen.

After a moment's deliberation the Foreman said: There is not the slightest chance of us agreeing.

His Honor: Then, under the circumstances, I think it would be no good keeping you any longer. I am extremely sorry for the inconvenience you have been put to. If I had thought the case would have lasted so long I would have taken upon myself the responsibility of not starting it at this time of the year. The Sheriff has received authority from the Minister for Justice to pay you £1 a day. You are now discharged, gentlemen.

The Foreman: I wish to thank you for your kindness in providing for our comfort, and also the officers of the Court for their kind attention.

His Honor: I am glad the best has been done for you.

The jury then left the box.

The Crown Prosecutor: I ask that the defendants be bound over for trial at such time and place as the Attorney-General may appoint.

Mr. Norton: Surely the Attorney-General is not going to appoint any other place than Armidale.

His Honor: The usual course is to bind over to the ordinary Court sessions to be held at Armidale or such Court as the Attorney-General may decide upon.

The Crown Prosecutor: I also ask that each defendant be bound over in his own recognisance of £100 and one surety of £100.

The defendants strongly objected to the bail being increased over the amount fixed at the preliminary proceedings in the Sydney Water Police Court, pointing out that if the bond was increased it might prejudice their case at the next trial.

The Crown Prosecutor pressed his demand, stating he saw nothing in the circumstances of the case to justify a departure from the usual practice, that after a jury disagree on the first trial two sureties are required.

His Honor: I see no reason to ask defendants to enter into a greater bond than that required by the Court below, and under the special circumstances of the case I allow both out on bail on their own recognisance of £100 each.

The Crown Prosecutor: I ask your Honor to make an order that the defendant Norton shall not comment on the case between now and next trial.

Mr. Norton: I hope your Honor will not consent to such an indecent request.

His Honor: I will make no order in the matter.

The Court then adjourned sine die.

SCHOOL OF ARTS DEBATING CLUB.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

There was a large attendance both of members and the public at the meeting of the School of Arts Debating Club last night, its president (Dr. Philip Muskett) being in the chair. The half-yearly report of the secretary showed a satisfactory state of affairs. The attendance on the part of members had been unusually good, not a single Thursday evening having failed to provide a well-contested debate. The crowded audiences on every occasion likewise showed that the club was still accorded its full measure of popular favour. The event of the half-year had been Sir Joseph Abbott's lecture on the "Principles and Practice of Debate" on Monday, October 11, which was delivered to a numerous gathering comprising representatives from the 60 debating clubs in and around Sydney. The election of officers for the ensuing half-year resulted as follows:—President and chairman, Dr. Philip Muskett; vice-presidents, Miss Belle Golding and Mr. John Campbell; and treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Hansen. The offices of secretary and press secretary were left over till next week. The debate, "That the State should give more encouragement to the wine industry of New South Wales," was opened by Mr. Bright. He was followed by Messrs. D. Cowan, Hendry, Dr. Muskett, Messrs. Innes, Willson, Melville, Paul Ferris, and Mrs. Broderick. The debate was adjourned.

ORDER OF ROYAL FORESTERS.

The annual meeting of Court Progress, No. 506 O.R.F., was held on January 5, at the Royal Foresters' Hall, Castlereagh-street. The M.W.C.R., Bro. W. J. Cox, presided. The following officers for 1898 were elected:—C.R., Bro. M. Hunter; Sub. C.R., Bro. H. Smith; secretary, Bro. J. Coote (unopposed); treasurer, Bro. A. E. Moyle (unopposed); representatives to supreme court, Bros. F. Maddows and J. Coote; representative to dispensary, Bro. T. E. Rofe; trustees, Bros. F. Maddows, E. Kelly, and G. Dale; auditors, Bros. T. E. Rofe and E. Kelly; woodwards, Bros. W. J. Cox and L. M. Cox; I.G., Bro. G. Dale. The auditors stated that it gave them great pleasure to present the balance-sheet for the past half-year, which showed an increase of funds £31 0s 3½d, making the total amount of funds standing to the credit of the court £605 18s 9d.

SECOND EDITION.

FIRE ON BALMAIN FERRY STEAMERS.

THE LADY HAMPDEN AND LADY MARY DESTROYED.

As announced in our first edition, early this morning a fire broke out in the Balmain New Ferry Company's steamers moored at Bald Rock.

The boats engaged in running the various services performed by the company are each night at the conclusion of the regular trips moored abreast of each other at the Bald Rock terminus, and the usual practice was followed last night. It was between 1 and 2 o'clock that the first indications of the fire on the Lady Hampden were discovered, and in a short time it developed into a big conflagration.

An attempt was made to free the other boats of the company from the Lady Hampden, but the intensity of the heat rendered this a dangerous task.

From the Lady Hampden the fire quickly extended to the Lady Mary.

The Water Police made a strong effort to separate the burning vessels.

They succeeded in freeing the Lady Manning and Millie, both of which vessels were uninjured; but the Lady Napier, which was moored alongside the Lady Hampden, suffered extensively.

The M.F.B. turned out all its available force. As soon as the men got to work with the engines and hydrants the fire was diminished and speedily suppressed.

The Lady Hampden and Lady Mary were practically destroyed, and although the Napier was visible above the surface of the water, it was apparent that she narrowly escaped a similar fate.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLD YIELD.

PERTH, Thursday.

The details of the gold export from the colony during December have been issued by the Collector of Customs. In some instances the name of the field is given instead of that of the district, because the exact locality which yielded the gold is not indicated by the department. The details are as follow:—Kalgoorlie district, 27,681oz. 4dwt. 20gr., valued at £105,188 14s 6d; Coolgardie, 9786oz. 17dwt. 8gr., £38,190 1s 10d; Murchison, 4953oz. 10dwt. 12gr., £18,861 7s 11d; Cue, 1730oz. 3dwt. 15gr., £6574 13s 9d; Mount Magnet, 771oz. 15dwt., £2937 13s; Day Dawn, 27oz. 10dwt. 12gr., £104 11s 11d; Nannine, 14oz., £53 4s; Kanowna, 3209oz. 9dwt. 17gr., £12,196 0s 11d; N.E. Coolgardie, 1847oz. 4dwt. 3gr., £7019 7s 8d; Bulong, 181oz. 16dwt. 4gr., £690 17s 5d; Norseman, 4835oz. 18dwt. 11gr., £18,756 10s 4d; Menzies, 4303oz. 10dwt., £16,353 6s; North Coolgardie, 92oz. 19dwt. 20gr., £353 7s 4d; East Murchison, 2481oz. 8dwt. 12gr., £9429 8s 3d; Lawler's, 280oz. 5dwt. 10gr., £1099 4s 7d; Mount Malcolm, 2600oz. 9dwt. 4gr., £9881 14s 10d; Kilbarra, 2393oz. 13dwt. 9gr., £9095 18s 10d; Peak Hill, 1733oz. 15dwt. 12gr., £6588 6s 11d; Broad Arrow, 1712oz. 8dwt. 12gr., £6507 4s 4d; Southern Cross, 1227oz. 18dwt. 16gr., £4667 2s 11d; Yalgo, 410oz. 14dwt. 3gr., £1560 13s 8d; Ashburton, 18oz. 1dwt., £60 19s 10d; total, 72,411oz. 14dwt. 9gr., valued £275,764 10s 8d.

The gold escort arrived at Geraldton with 13,614oz., too late for the December returns. Of the above return 4321oz. is the result of smelting of ore in South Australia.

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE BATHURST ELECTORATE.

BATHURST, Thursday.

At a largely attended meeting of protectionists to-night Mr. F. B. Suttor consented to contest the Bathurst electorate at the next general election. Strong support was promised the candidate.

BOURKE, Thursday.

The thermometer registered 109° in the shade yesterday. Towards evening a cool breeze sprang up, the immediate result being a fall in the temperature of 25°. The change was greatly appreciated. To-day was much cooler, the maximum temperature being 101. This morning's rain reports were: Goodooga, 57 points; Brewarrina, 66.

BREWARRINA, Thursday.

The thermometer was 109° yesterday. A storm yesterday afternoon yielded 77 points. The heat to-day is very oppressive, with every appearance of more rain, which is greatly needed.

Stock in this district are poor. Some sheep-farmers have had to resort to scrub-cutting to keep their sheep alive.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Rev. P. Zandolovich, of the Broken Hill Roman Catholic Mission, has been transferred to Wilcannia.

Typhoid fever is still very prevalent in town. There are about 30 cases in the hospital.

The local branch of the A.M.A. has been notified by the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Workers' Association that the labour market in Western Australia is overstocked, and it warns miners against going thither. It asserts also that an attempt will be made early in the current year to further reduce the rate of wages.

A boy was proceeded against at the police court to-day under an old Charles II. Act for having "performed worldly labour on the Lord's Day, not being a work of necessity and charity." The accused lad on a recent hot Sunday was engaged in carting lemonade to the various hotels. The information was dismissed on the ground that it disclosed no offence. The Act provides for a fine of 5s, or to be kept in the public stocks for two hours.

The weather is again getting warm. 102° was the highest shade reading to-day.

GOODOOGA, Thursday.

A splendid thunderstorm fell last night. Only half an inch was recorded here, but a few miles away as much as 2 inches fell. The river is rising at Surat again, and another fresh is reported behind that. Derranbandi had only a few points. The river there is low. In spite of the thunderstorm the weather is still hot.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

At the police court to-day Mary Lynch was fined £30 for selling liquor without a license at the Junction Coffee Palace, Crookwell-road. Points were reserved for appeal.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The stock movements are reported:—120 fat cows, Wooroowoolgen to Ulmarra, J. B. Carlton owner; 98 dairy cattle from Rosewood, Brisbane, to Lismore, J. R. Kean owner; 36 cows from Inverell to the Richmond, P. Moran owner; 92 mixed cattle, Deep Creek to South Grafton, Wilcox Bros. owners.

At a meeting of the directors of the sheep district, Grafton, yesterday, a resolution was carried to the effect that the board is of opinion that in view of the danger of the tick pest from Queensland the inspector of the Grafton, Richmond, and Tweed sheep districts should reside at Casino.

At a meeting of the Stock and Pastures Board yesterday a resolution was passed disapproving of the action of the Fat Stock Salesmen's Association in imposing a shilling per head on all stock sold through the Homebush yards to indemnify purchasers against loss through condemned animals, and advocating a reversion to the former system adopted in 1895 by the delegates of the stock boards whereby all stock disposed of at Homebush were sold at the risk of the purchaser on the fall of the hammer. It was further resolved that the attention of the Board of Health be called to the report of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis, and stating that the board at Grafton considers the present enforcement of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act in condemning every animal or carcase affected with tuberculosis is too stringent, and appears to the board to be at variance with the decision arrived at by the commission and contrary to the practice in the United States, and generally on the continent of Europe, under which the whole carcase is not condemned if the meat is otherwise sound and healthy, and unless the tuberculosis is very extensive or advanced.

GUNNEDAH, Wednesday.

At the police court this morning John Shaw (alias Budge), Matthew Sinclair, William Lacey, and Oscar Kuhl were brought up on remand charged with maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm upon one John O'Brien in the yard at Gallin's Hotel, Gunnedah, about 1 o'clock on Christmas morning. They pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr. Hogarth. The prosecutor was only discharged from the hospital this morning, and is still suffering from a partially paralysed arm and a defect in his speech. The case occupied the greater part of the day. The accused were all committed for trial at the next Sessions here, which will be held on March 3. Lacey and Kuhl are natives of the town. Shaw and Sinclair are butchers from Sydney, and are employed at the meat works. Bail was allowed, £40 each, with two sureties of £20.

MACLEAN, Thursday.

In the local police court this morning two landholders were proceeded against for cultivating roads which the department recently surveyed, but which are not yet gazetted. The matter was settled by the accused undertaking to throw the roads open to traffic and remove all obstructions upon the growing crops maturing.

A number of South Coast residents are inquiring for farms in this district for the purpose of dairying, their attention having been directed to the suitability of the locality by the articles recently published in the "Sydney Morning Herald."

The recent continuous wet weather has greatly interfered with the condition of the roads. Travelling on some public thoroughfares will be attended with danger unless the weather clears.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The rainfall for the past five years shows a gradual decrease since 1893, when 108 inches 12 points were registered. Last year 57 inches 59 points were registered.

The Queensland Minister for Railways and Mr. R. M. Collins, M.L.A. for the Logan, will inspect the surveyed railway line from Nerang to Tweed Heads next Friday, with a view to an extension to Murwillumbah. The residents will meet them at the Tweed Heads and accompany them up the river. At Murwillumbah they will be entertained at lunch. On Saturday the visitors proceed to Lismore by train, going thence to Ballina, the object being to obtain information as to the possible trade relationship of these districts and Brisbane.

The weather is still showery.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The weather remains cool, with indications of more rain. The late rains have caused the country to look much better, and stock are picking up fast.

The following is the rainfall registered at the local post-office up to 9 a.m. to-day:—Narrabri, 67 points; Millie, 48; Murrurundi, 4; Come-by-Chance, 25;

Pilliga, 79; Wee Waa, 10; Gunnedah, 49; Moree, 45; Mungindi, 60; Walgett, 3; Brewarrina, 77; Goodooga, 57; Baradine, 56; Coonamble, 53; Bugilbone, 20; Bingara, 58.

The Narrabri, Moree, and Gunnedah councils recently co-operated in the matter of urging the Railway Commissioners to place better carriages on the North-Western line for the accommodation of the public. An officer was despatched from the department to make inquiries, and he has reported that the Commissioners will no doubt do something in the matter.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Two new bridges are to be erected on the main-road between Pambula and Wyndham—one at Burton's Creek, Lochiel, the other over Six-mile Creek. This road has always been impassable during floods, several serious accidents having occurred at the places named.

At the Warden's Court to-day, several applications for the suspension of the labour conditions for claims in the Wyndham locality were dealt with.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

A heavy storm swept over the district last evening, and although only 44 points of rain fell here some parts recorded several inches. It was a very opportune fall. The country all round looks beautiful, the crops and grass being luxuriant.

Altogether nearly 50 aliens, consisting principally of Indians, have got hawkers' licenses in this electorate. Some apprehension is expressed at their presence here, as up to the present the district has been pretty free from them. It is thought there should be some restriction placed upon the number of permits issued in the various centres, and that licenses should be confined to certain areas of the electorates.

TAREE, Thursday.

The Australian Dairying Company opened its factory at Purfleet on Monday last. The machinery is the latest improved, and had made a ton of butter up to last evening.

The weather is unsettled.

TINGHA, Thursday.

A heavy storm, with thunder and lightning, set in this evening about half-past 6 o'clock, after several days of very hot weather. The creek is rising fast, and there are great fears that such a continuation of wet weather, which is accompanied by a heavy wind, will do serious damage among the orchard and other growing crops. At present the land is too wet to work, and a considerable quantity of the wheat crops is either uncut or else is not in a fit state to cart in, owing to so much wet. During the storm 270 points fell.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Mr. Gormly, M.L.A., has for some time past been urging the Government to provide a water supply for Uranquinty, but has been informed that nothing can be done. If action be not taken speedily the people of that district will be absolutely without water.

The Wagga Swimming Club held another successful series of contests yesterday. The club has a membership of 200, and claims to be the largest swimming club in Australia.

WALGETT, Thursday.

Another thunderstorm occurred last night. Only three points of rain fell; but 79 fell at Pilliga, whilst other stations report good falls.

The vital statistics for the quarter ended December 31 are:—Births, 14; deaths, 8; marriages, 5.

The Crown lands agents' receipts for the same period were £3754 15s 6d; and clerk of petty sessions' receipts were £74 10s 10d.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The Rev. B. Keenan, for the past 25 years headmaster of the Windsor Grammar School, left here this morning to reside at his private residence, Royston, Rose Bay. Great regret is expressed by all classes of the community at his departure, he being a great favourite and took a deep interest in everything connected with the district. He is president of all the clubs in the town, also president of the Hawkesbury C. C. Union. Mr. Keenan is succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Mantell.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Prior to the departure from Balgownie to take charge of the Watson's Bay Public school, Mr. T. F. Dent, who has been headmaster of Balgownie school for several years, was entertained at a social by the residents of the district. Alderman Murdoch presented him with a valuable gold pendant on behalf of the members of the Balgownie choir, and Miss Dent was presented with a handsome dressing case. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Dent by the Primitive Methodist Church for his services in connection with the choir, &c. The children attending the Public school presented Mr. and Mrs. Dent with a beautiful silver-mounted biscuit barrel, accompanied by a suitable address.

Shipments of coal at Port Bellambi during last week aggregated 3540 tons, of which 600 tons were consigned to Melbourne, and the balance to Sydney.

The death is announced of Mr. Ira Polley, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Illawarra.

Whilst camping out at Lake Illawarra during the holidays a party discovered a number of human bones, supposed to be those of an aboriginal.

The prizes offered by the Fresh Food and Ice Company for the three best kept farms supplying the company with milk have been awarded by Inspector F. A. Badgery as follows:—First, George Gear, Tullimbar, Albion Park; second, George Sharpe, Mount Hunter, Camden; third, J. E. Reddall, Shellharbour.

A social was held at the Church-street Hall last night in connection with the diamond jubilee of the Wollongong Presbyterian Church. The Rev. A. Mackay presided, and among the speakers were the Revs. R. H. Waugh, of Neutral Bay, and Clouston, of the Glebe, Mr. Campbell, M.P., and others.

GREAT SALE OF COINS.

The sale of coins belonging to the late Mr. Hyman Montagu, which commenced two years ago, has at last come to an end (says the London "Daily News"), the whole total amounting to upwards of £56,000. With the exception of the Roman gold series disposed of in Paris, nearly the whole collection has come under the hammer at the auction rooms in Wellington-street, Strand. The final portion included the following precious pieces:—A gold noble, Henry IV. period, with French arms on shield, and the King in a ship, &c., £37; another of light coinage, after thirteenth year, similar to preceding, but with slightly different inscriptions and legend, an unpublished variety, extremely rare, £24 10s; an Elizabeth ryal, second issue, with the Queen holding a sceptre and orb, standing in a ship, on the reverse being a floriated cross with radiate rose in centre, £27; a James Ist spur ryal, with King in ship and mast on either side, £20; a Charles I. half-crown, silver, 1641, of the Exeter mint, with the King on horseback holding baton and riding to left over arms, a scarce coin of which is known only one other specimen noted with the date, which is in the British Museum, £31; a Charles I. gold three pound piece of the Oxford mint, £14 10s; another of the same date, 1643, £19; a gold Charles I. Unite, with bust of King crowned, in falling lace collar, and on reverse a square garnished shield, £17; a James I. gold spur ryal, the King in ship with mast on either side, on the reverse a floriated cross with a radiate rose, £20; a Charles II. gold 5-guinea piece of the milled coinage, 1673, with small bust of King to the right, £13 2s; a crown of 1681 and half-crown of 1673, rare, £16; an Anne guinea of 1703 with "Vigo" under the bust of the Queen, £10; a Cromwell pattern crown, known as the Dutch Crown, 1658, by Thomas Simon, said to have been struck in Holland, £12 5s; a Commonwealth pattern half-crown, 1651, by Blondeau, with shield of St. George within wreath of palm and laurel, £14; a Henry VIII. sovereign of first coinage, the King enthroned with portcullis at his feet, on the reverse a shield of arms on double rose, £15; another of fourth coinage, £15 2s 6d; and one of the fourth or fifth coinage of Bristol, £12 5s; a Henry I. penny, Stamford, of rare type, £10 5s; and an Alfred penny, fine and scarce, £10 17s 6d. The historical medals included a mourning medal in gold on Oliver Cromwell's death in 1658, representing an old olive tree growing out of an old stump, and shepherds with flocks of sheep, £26 5s; a gold medal of the Peace of Breda, 1667, by John Roettier, £24; and the Sir Thomas Fairfax military reward for the battle of Marston Moor, in gold, £10 5s.

MAXIM'S LATEST AIRSHIP.

At a cost of 15,000dol. Mr. Hiram S. Maxim, the inventor, has built an airship of aluminium plates, furnished by the New Kensington works. Messrs. George H. Clapp and Arthur V. Davis, members of the Aluminium Company, told our representative (says the Philadelphia "Press") that they were furnishing plates to the Atlantic and Pacific Aerial Navigation Company, which is the style of the organisation headed by Mr. Maxim. The first order was received some months ago, and a few days ago the Aluminium Company received a second and larger order, which was printed on the company's letter-head, with the names of the officers and a cut of the strange craft. Mr. Maxim furnishes the following description of his vessel. The dimensions are:—Cylinder, 38ft. 2in. in diameter and 90ft. in length; length of forward cone, 50ft.; length of after cone, 45ft.; total length, 158ft. It occupies 106,000 cubic feet of space. The propelling power is a 105-h.p. naphtha engine. The cylinder, engine, and every part of the machine, so far as practicable, is made of aluminium, which was purchased of the Reduction Company here. The ship now weighs about 5000lb., and will carry more than a ton weight of provisions and passengers. The naphtha for the engine will be stored in cases, which will hold enough to drive the ship around the earth without replenishing the tanks. The skin of the ship is double and filled with hydrogen gas. It is confined in separate compartments and in the upper part of the vessel and in the cones. The tail that projects upward from the stern of the ship directs it up and down, as a bird directs its movements with its tail. The rudder changes the course from right to left. Motive power is secured by the big propeller at the stern, which is driven by the naphtha engine. It is stated that Mr. Maxim's first airship made a trial trip during the summer from San Francisco to Cleveland, Ohio, in three days, and that it was his vessel which so many people between those points saw floating on high. It was this vessel, it is stated, which travelled 100 miles an hour. The dimensions here given are taken from the order received by the Aluminium Company. While the officers of the latter cannot, of course, speak positively, beyond confirming the receipt of their orders, it is understood at New Kensington that Mr. Maxim proposes to build a line of airships.

The will of Sir Lewis Cave, the Judge, who died on September 7, is proved by his son, Harold Watkin Cave, Mr. Justice Lawrence, and Mr. Harold Smith, the police magistrate. The testator leaves £100 to his clerk, and the rest of his property to his family. The personalty is sworn at £31,380 15s 4d net. The personalty of Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., who died on November 2, is sworn at £8544 11s 1d.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.

Even against its will the Government finds itself more and more forced into those "entangling alliances" with other Powers which Washington justly dreaded. If Germany makes good her footing in China, there will be a plain disturbance in the affairs of the North Pacific, and it will be much more important than it has been hitherto to know how the Kaiser stands in regard to the Nicaragua Canal. Will he (as it is believed Russia and Japan are prepared to do) acquiesce in exclusive American control of the canal, or will he take sides with England in favour of a joint control by all the civilised Powers? This matter can, no doubt, wait over for at least a year to come, for the new Nicaragua Commission only left for the isthmus three days ago, and can hardly get through its work in time to make a report during the present session of Congress. But all points of contact with Germany—the sugar duties, Samoa, extradition—will have to be regulated by this new interest, and it may even turn out, so strangely are the affairs of the great world interwoven, that the German beet-root growers will profit more than anybody else by this proposed new acquisition of the Kaiser. Meanwhile, the President has had to send down the Marblehead to watch German movements against Hayti, but the petty squabble out of which the quarrel grew will almost certainly be arranged by American mediation, and the German war vessel ordered to Hayti has been sent to China instead.

For the first five months of the fiscal year the deficit is 45,000,000dols., and no one now believes that the Dingley tariff will ever produce enough revenue to meet current expenses. Indeed, it may be doubted whether even a tariff specially framed to invite importations would long be very productive, for so many staple necessaries are now cheaper in the United States than elsewhere—especially iron, coal, and food—that even manufactures for which the country is not specially well adapted would still have a fighting chance for existence. This is, at any rate, true for all the cities in the interior, for the great West is now beginning to do its own manufacturing, and every year the cities on the Atlantic seaboard have less and less relative importance in the trade of the country. As to the currency, it is hardly likely that any of the proposed reforms can pass the Senate; but this is not now a question of so much importance as it once was. The paper currency is not for the moment redundant, and although the gold currency perhaps is—for Europe is still a borrower from New York, and the banks are loaded up with gold coin which is useless for circulation purposes, since no American accepts a metallic dollar in change without making a wry face—that is not an evil difficult to deal with. The sound-money men, of course, urge that a sudden gust of ill-luck would again make everyone eager to turn paper into the now-despised gold. But the total paper currency of all kinds is less than half of the total money in circulation, and every day the growth of population and of trade contracts it relatively to the work it has to do. The Clearing-house weekly exchanges of the whole country are now about 1,200,000,000dol., as against only two-thirds as much in 1894. During that interval the only addition to the currency has been gold—not a single dollar in silver or paper. To fund the greenbacks would cost the Government about 10,000,000dol. a year in interest, and this would be practically a present to the national banks, which would buy the bonds and then, as is permitted by the law, issue notes for 90 per cent. of their face value. Some people, however, desire to let the banks, as in the old days, issue notes without any security whatever—free banking, so called—while others find it hard to see why the people at large should not get any profit there may be in giving paper or cheap metal the magic virtue of being a legal tender. The plan of the Administration—to enact solemnly that greenbacks once paid into the Treasury shall not be retired, but shall be paid out again only in exchange for gold—will only change the situation by making it impossible to use the redeemed greenbacks, as Mr. Cleveland did, for current expenses. One hoped-for relief to the Treasury was a decrease in the pension lists. But the total number of pensioners will be again this year as it was last a few thousands short of a round million. Most of these, of course, are the wives and children of disabled soldiers, for the total number of actual soldiers surviving is only 1,075,000. According to the mortality tables there will be still 705,000 left in 1908, and a quarter of a million even in 1920. In 1940 the roll ought to dwindle to 340, and be extinguished entirely in 1945. It is hardly likely, therefore, that for many years to come a bill pensioning soldiers for mere service in the field will be enacted.

No doubt because the graduates of colleges are more numerous even than in Germany, being, according to one estimate, nearly 5 per cent. of all adult males, college affairs are debated with extraordinary fervour. And just at present there are two burning college issues, one serious and the other not quite so serious. The serious issue is the old one of how far the trustees of a college may curb the intellectual independence of the professors; and while everyone admits that an extreme view in either direction is untenable—that is, that the teacher should neither be absolutely free nor absolutely servile—the definition of the safe middle course is very difficult. The Andrews case at Brown University has been widely discussed, even in Europe, and the final result of it has shown that the nominally supreme power of trustees is tempered to what many men regard as an undue extent by the force of outside opinion. Professor Andrews can stay or go, just as he pleases, and he may in effect use his own discretion as to what he thinks ought to be taught. On the other hand, Universities which are State institutions and not supported, as Brown is, by private munificence, are far more intolerant of political heresy. All over the West the professors are required to be good Populists, and a year ago Kansas made a clean sweep of the entire faculty of her State University, simply on the ground that they were Republicans. The Populists, however, are not content with controlling the State institutions; many of them go farther and openly advocate State supervision of all higher, as well of all lower education. Why, they ask, should a millionaire be permitted to spend his ill-gotten money in leading the youth of the country astray? Of course, this whole matter has been debated in many lands for centuries, but it is worth noting that the modern Populist holds precisely the same views as the most fanatical Ultramontane. Perhaps a cynic would add that both men are really in earnest, and both are, therefore, necessarily intolerant.

Hardly less thorny is the non-serious issue of football. The game in its extreme forms is certainly not well adapted to the eager, reckless, and, perhaps, in moments of excitement, semi-savage American temperament; and this season there have been about a dozen deaths from injuries received in scrimmages. One such case near Atlanta, Georgia, was so plainly a murder—committed by a mob in the heat of passion, it is true, but none the less utterly indefensible—that the City Council and the State Legislature ran a race to see which should first pass legislation forbidding—not football, for that would have been of doubtful constitutionality—but the charging an admission fee to grounds where football is played. Much of the mischief, of course, is due to the intense emulation aroused by the presence of a vast crowd of spectators, and by the great sums which the gate money puts into the treasury of the college athletic club. At the great Yale-Princeton matches at Thanksgiving time, the receipts have been as much as 30,000dols., and rarely go below 20,000dols. Even if divided equally between the players, regardless of the result of the game, this money is unavoidably a troublesome feature in the contest. Several States have already followed the example of Georgia, but a far better solution of the matter would be spontaneous legislation by the colleges themselves, freeing the game from its more brutal traits. On a small scale, conventions for this purpose have often been held, but the result has hitherto been vitiated by the unspoken but none the less real reluctance to avow that rules which are comparatively safe for Englishmen are positively unsafe and impracticable for Americans. The old eternal rivalry between Greece proper and the Greater Greece crops out even in regulating the games of Olympus. Of late, however, all football casualties in England have been eagerly reported here, and these are sufficiently numerous to show that even under the best of conditions the game is hazardous.

A few years ago her Majesty Queen Victoria sued as plaintiff in a New York Court to recover for some asphalt that an American had taken without authority from a West Indian lake, and got a verdict for almost the full amount of the claim. And now, in the local Federal Court, the University of Oxford is suing an American publishing company to recover damages for injury to her reputation and business, in that they have published here under the fraudulent title of the Oxford Bible a book which is filled with all sorts of typographical errors. The Oxford Bible is, of course, world-famous; every school-boy knows that for every mistake he can find in a genuine Oxford Bible the University will pay him a guinea. The hard point in the suit will be to prove that the mere term "Oxford," as a descriptive title, can be exclusively reserved to the party who first uses it. There are American and Canadian Oxfords by the score; almost every State in the union has one of them, and a few States more. In morals, there is, of course, no doubt whatever that the New York publishers are at fault, and American Courts have pushed the principles of equity so far that perhaps even in this case legal justification may be found for doing what is termed "substantial justice." If the University should fail, however, she can easily make herself safe in the future by adopting a more elaborate and distinctive method of identification.

CURIOSITIES OF QUOTATION.

There is nothing more surprising than the ignorance in which most of us are contented to remain about the sources of sayings and proverbs which we are habitually quoting and which are as familiar to us as our fingers (says Mr. J. Churton Collins in the "Pall Mall Gazette." Dictionaries of quotations we have in abundance, but we seldom turn to them without disappointment. As a rule inaccurate and inadequate following each other in a weary round of recurring platitude, they scarcely ever give us the information for which we naturally consult them. And yet it may safely be said that there is no chapter in literary ana so curiously interesting as the history of these current saws. Their origin is almost always surprising. Many of them spring from grotesque misconceptions of what their originator intended, a still greater number from deliberate misrepresentation, generally through the suppression of the context or the alteration of a word; many, again, though assuming the imprimatur of a particular person—a writer in the Bible or a classical author, it may be—are purely apocryphal; some of them have obtained currency through their association with an impressive incident or simply through having been quoted or extemporised on a memorable occasion by a popular statesman.

One of the most singular misconceptions of what was really meant is illustrated by the famous saying of Demosthenes about "action" (it might be better translated "delivery") being the first, the second, and the third requisite of an orator. This has been taken seriously ever since, even by men like Bacon, Lord Brougham, and the late Lord Coleridge. But it was simply a sneer at Æschines, a sarcastic explanation of his popularity as an orator, pure irony. In the same way Cicero's words, "Malo cum Platone errare quam cum istis recta sentire"—I would rather err with Plato than be right with them—has been universally perverted through the suppression of the context. Cicero was simply referring to Plato's opinion about the immortality of the soul, which agreed with that of Pythagoras, observing that on that question he would rather be wrong with Plato than right with the agnostics. Probably everyone now knows, what some ten generations of our forefathers did not, that "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" originated not from the Bible, but from one of the most immortal works to be found in our language, and that "Cleanliness is next to godliness," though popularised by Wesley, is derived from a source very different from any Christian scriptures. But a truly extraordinary mare's nest is afforded by the favourite quotation, "As the tree falls there shall it be," or, as it is commonly misquoted, "there shall it lie." We all know what is supposed to be signified by these words, and the signification attached to them is assumed to be warranted by Divine authority. But a reference to the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes will show that all that is meant is that the discharge of rain from the clouds and the inclination of a falling tree—in other words, the times and seasons—are in the hands of God, and out of the husbandman's control, and all that concerns him is to be diligent about the business which is in his power. Everyone knows the famous proverb "Quem (or quos) deus vult perdere prius dementat," but few know its strange history. It was found on the table of "a gentleman of fashion"—his name is not recorded—who committed suicide about the middle of the last century. He had scribbled the words on a scrap of paper, presumably as an explanation of his action. Some years afterwards Boswell, who, like his friend Dr. Johnson, had been anxious to trace them to their source, for no one knew where they came from, was informed by a Mr. Pitts that they had been found among the Fragments of Euripides. Mr. Pitts then very obligingly sent Boswell the original Greek, purporting to take it from Barnes's edition, and implying that the words were Barnes's Latin version. But this was a hoax. The words had simply been translated literally into Greek, and very impossible Greek. But among the Fragments of Euripides is a passage which evidently contained the germ of the aphorism; it runs in a literal version, "but when Divine power prepares evils for a man, it first injures his mind." This was no doubt what the poor suicide was thinking of; the version was his own, and so he became the author of a proverb known and quoted all over the world.

Another quotation with a curious history is the famous "Vox populi, vox dei." It occurs first in an epistle of Alcuin to Charlemagne: the clause translated is "Nor are those to be heeded who are wont to say, 'Vox populi, vox dei,' since the tumultuousness of the rabble is always next door to insanity." It next occurs in an epistle of Gerbert (Pope Sylvester II.) which throws more light on its origin. Speaking of an election which he had made to a certain post, he says that he had been influenced by the cries of the multitude—Scripture calling the voice of the people the voice of the Lord: "Scriptura dicente vox populi, vox domini;" but he had done wrong, he goes on to say, for, as the voice of the people cried out for the crucifixion of Christ, every voice of the people cannot be the voice of God, "ergo non omnis vox populi vox dei est." The supposed warrant from Scripture is plainly based on a misinterpretation of a passage in Isaiah lxvi., 6: "A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies." In the Middle Ages the aphorism is of common occurrence, and formed, indeed, the text of a celebrated sermon preached by Walter Reynolds at the coronation of Edward III., where it is quoted, as a well-known proverb, by William of Malmesbury. In modern times it became the vogue, because it was so often on the lips of Mirabeau. Thus the perversion of a text in Isaiah is responsible for an aphorism which condenses more truth and more falsehood than any other aphorism in the world. Lord Mansfield's misquotation from the bench of "Fiat justitia ruat mundus," has fixed the permanent form which the proverb was to assume. "Fiat justitia ruat cœlum." The erroneous substitution of a future for a present tense in Esdras iv., 41, has given, "Magna est veritas et prævalebit," a turn of which there is no suggestion in the original; and the alteration of an epithet "small" for "fine" in a line of Prior, "fine by degrees and beautifully less," has transformed what was typically pointless into a familiar household proverb. A similar process has given Shakespeare credit for a magnificent remark which he never intended to make: "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." All he meant, as the context shows, is that all men are alike in running after novelties. The genius of Cardinal Newman, prompted by an unnamed friend, has, by detaching three words from their context in St. Augustine, turned a perfectly commonplace remark into what will always seem a memorable and most comforting axiom, "Securus judicat orbis." Very interesting is the history of "bogus" classical quotations. For a long time the celebrated line "Indocti discant et ament meminisse periti" (Let the unlearned learn, and the skilled be pleased to remember), was attributed to Horace, and as Horace's it is quoted as a maxim in many books. It was prefixed as a motto by the President Henault to his "Abregé Chronologique" and assigned by him to Horace. Some years afterwards he confessed the trick, and owned that it was simply a version of two lines in Pope's "Essay on Criticism"—

> Content if hence th' unlearn'd their wants may view,
> The learned reflect on what before they knew.

Many a scholar has wondered in what ancient author the very striking Greek quotation prefixed to Southey's "Curse of Kehama," the translation of which is "Curses, like young chickens, always come home to roost," is to be found. It was the saying of a half-witted fellow, one Will Tyler, a relation of Southey's, which Coleridge simply turned into Greek. It has been gravely cited as coming from Stobæus. Another curiosity of quotation is the well-known "First catch your hare and then cook it," which is always cited as coming from Mrs. Glasse's celebrated "Cookery." But no such words are to be found there, and it is simply the misquotation of some directions she has given for "casing" the hare, that is, for wrapping it in paper and basting it with gravy, and it should run "First case your hare," the confusion arising just as it has arisen in the proverb about not knowing a hawk from a handsaw. But space fails for further "curiosities."

There are 48 different materials used in constructing a piano, laying no fewer than 16 different countries under contribution, and employing 45 different hands.

NEWCASTLE.

A RECORD COAL CARGO.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The British-India liner Orissa cleared at the Newcastle Custom-house to-day for Singapore, via Sydney, with 6822 tons of coal shipped locally, in addition to 500 tons taken on board in Sydney, making a total of 7322 tons. This is reported to be the largest shipment of coal in one bottom that has ever left the port of Newcastle.

The following are to-day's coal exports:—Ashley, s., for Melbourne, 2049 tons; Tarawera, s., for Wellington, via Sydney, 550 tons; St. Louis, s., for Lyttelton, 1820 tons; and Lindus, s., for Adelaide, 2200 tons.

HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

The holiday traffic returns prepared by the local railway authorities show that 9284 single and 22,824 return tickets were issued, representing 53,982 distinct journeys. The revenue received during the Christmas season amounted to £3672. The previous year's returns were: Tickets issued, single 6601, return 20,112; number of journeys, 46,725; revenue, £4104. Whilst the traffic was greater during the recent holidays the receipts show a decrease of £431, but this is accounted for by the reduction in fares, which came into operation during the period under review. The number of tickets issued on Boxing and New Year's days was 3362, representing a sum of £289, as compared with 3467 tickets, representing £299 last year. There was a noticeable falling off in the traffic to Lake Macquarie during the recent holidays.

THE CITY COURT.

At the City Court to-day, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., a miner named Richard Hughes was fined £1 on a charge of having stolen a quantity of coal, valued at 4s, the property of the Railway Commissioners.

John Thompson and Louigi Bond were each fined £1, in default seven days' imprisonment, for having travelled from Sydney to Newcastle by the steamer Namoi without having paid their fares.

NEWCASTLE SCOTTISH RIFLES.

Major Campbell, the officer commanding the Scottish Rifles, accompanied by Captain Robertson, Lieutenant G. J. Grieves, and Warrant-Officer Sadler, arrived in Newcastle to-day in connection with the proposed formation of a Newcastle Company. A meeting of intending members was held at the Assembly Hall this evening for the purpose of inspection and enrolment. There was an attendance of about 60, half of whom were accepted and sworn in. The majority of the accepted applicants were native born Scotchmen and the remainder were Australians of Scotch descent. The whole of the men were of good physique, and the average height was 5ft. 8in. The officers expressed themselves as pleased with the class of men who presented themselves, and stated that the accepted members are fully up to the standard of the Sydney corps. Recruiting will be continued for some time, and those enrolled during the present month will participate in the Easter encampment. Lieutenant Grieves and Warrant-officer Sadler will remain in Newcastle for a few days to place the new company on a firm footing. It is understood that the captaincy of the new company will be offered to Mr. N. B. Grant, Roads Superintendent, and the First Lieutenancy to Mr. A. E. Newton. The officers of the 4th Infantry Regiment have temporarily placed their orderly-room at the disposal of the new company, and additional members will be sworn in to-morrow evening.

A moonlight concert, under the auspices of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, was held on the Rugby Football Grounds to-night, and was largely patronised. The entertainment was preceded by a torchlight procession through the city thoroughfares, in which the League of Wheelmen, friendly societies, volunteer fire brigade, and several bands participated. A temporary stage was erected, and the grounds were illuminated by Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps. An excellent programme was presented, the principal contributors being the members of the Railway String Band, Professor M'Millan and pupils, Misses Parkes, Butterworth, and Bell, and Messrs. Chandler, Barry, Alexander, Champion, Anderson, and Hancock. The proceeds will be devoted to relieving the family of the late William Arthur, who was killed recently at the Sulphide Corporation Works.

The additions to the Newcastle Sailors' Home have been completed at a cost of £1100, and the new portion of the buildings will be formally taken over by the committee to-morrow afternoon.

A special meeting of the members of the Stockton School of Arts was held at the institution last evening for the purpose of considering a recommendation by the committee to the effect that a new building should be purchased. Two buildings in Crown and Church streets respectively were placed under offer, and after discussion it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the committee, with instructions that when satisfactory arrangements have been made for guarantors, the building most suited to the requirements of the members should be purchased.

The annual balance-sheet in connection with the Loyal Pride of Adamstown Lodge, I.O.O.F.M.U., shows:—Receipts, £251; expenditure, £223; total credit balance, £317. The amount paid to sick members during the year was £133. Officers for the ensuing year have been elected.

The steamer Birksgate shipped 50 head of cattle to-day for Noumea.

A 60 yards handicap under the auspices of the Carlton Swimming Club was contested at the Corporation Baths last evening with the following result:—W. Featherstone, 9 seconds, 1; J. Pellman, 15 seconds, 2; R. Pattison, 8 seconds, 3.

CIVIL AMBULANCE AND TRANSPORT BRIGADE.

At the meeting of the executive council of the above institution, held at the central station in George-street, last night, the work done by the brigade during the past year was reviewed. Mr. G. Christie presided, and there was a large attendance. A letter was received from the Premier, in which he thanked the brigade for the services it had rendered in the case of the late Mr. Meichel, who was attached to the Treasury. Mr. Justice Cohen and Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin wrote letters to the president enclosing monetary donations and eulogising the work of the brigade. An abstract of the work done during the past 12 months was then submitted. It showed that there had been 907 cases of accident transport, and it was estimated that the litters and attendants had travelled 1345 miles in consequence of these accidents. Thirty-four cases were in connection with ships in port, and in 137 instances Government employees were attended to. 205 minor accidents were treated at the different stations. The street accidents numbered 148, and those which occurred in factories were 91. The report also showed that in the majority of cases in which the services of the brigade were necessary the patients had been taken to Sydney, Prince Alfred, St. Vincent's, and other hospitals. During the year 115 classes for men had been held, the attendance at which had totalled 1395. Thirty-two classes for women had also been held, the attendance aggregating 740. On the advice of the chief medical officer five medical men were appointed as lecturers to the various companies of the brigade. The chairman delivered an address, in which he eulogised the character and the amount of the work which the brigade had done during the year, and a motion was unanimously carried thanking all the workers for the services they had rendered.

LATE MINING.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLD EXPORT.

PERTH, Thursday.

The gold export of the colony for the month of December amounted to 72,411oz., making the total for the year 674,987oz.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales and quotations were:—Band of Hope, buyer 24s; Bonnie Dundee, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 10½d; Brilliant Central, buyer 5s, seller 6s; Brilliant buyer 15s 6d, seller 15s 3d; Brilliant Freehold buyer 1s; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s; Brilliant and St. George United, buyer 39s 6d, seller 42s; ditto, paid, seller 43s; Brilliant Extended, buyer 8s 5d, seller 8s 11d; ditto, paid, buyer 10s 6d, seller 10s 10d; Clark's Brilliant Worcester and Victory, buyer 6s 10½d, seller 7s 4½d; Craven's Caledonia, N.L., buyer 2s 8d, seller 2s 10½d; C.T. Pyrites, buyer 10s 5d; Day Dawn P.C., buyer 3s 2d, seller 3s 9d; Kelly's Queen Block, buyer 10s, seller 11s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s 4d; Marshall's Queen, buyer 1s 11d, seller 1s 11½d, sales 1s 11d; Millican's Caledonia, N.L., buyer 9½d, seller 10d; Moonstone Consols, buyer 3s 8d, seller 3s 10d; Moonstone Towers Extended Block, buyer 1s 10d, seller 1s 10d, sales 1s 9d; ditto, paid, seller 3s 9d; New Queen, buyer 3s 8d, seller 3s 9d, sales 3s 10d to 3s 9d; Papuan, Brilliant, and Victoria, N.L., buyer 9s 6d, seller 9s 11d; Phœbe, buyer 14s 9d, seller 15s; Queen Cross Reef, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s 5d; Queen Central, paid, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 3d; Victoria and Queen, buyer 10s 6d, seller 11s 4d; ditto, paid, buyer 11s 6d, seller 13s; Victoria and Caledonian Block, buyer 3s 8d, seller 3s 9d, sales 3s 8½d, 3s 8d; ditto, paid, buyer 4s, seller 4s 10d; Victoria G.M. Association, buyer 7s 10d, seller 8s 2d; Victory, buyer 9s, seller 9s 6d.

A partial clean-up of 200 tons of stone from the Band of Hope Company yielded 190oz. 2dwt. gold. The Brilliant Block has crushed 557 tons for 344oz. 7dwt. The Victoria and Queen crushed 225 tons for 375oz.

CRICKET PITCHES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It has always been a mystery to me why each side in a cricket match is not allowed to choose a fresh pitch each innings. This would give an equal chance to either side, instead of an unequal chance through the wearing away of the surface in dry or wet weather. Again, why should not the pitch be as sound and fit to play on in all weathers? Would not a hard or soft woodblock pavement answer the purpose, and give greater satisfaction to bowlers and batsmen alike? It would be as smooth as a billiard-table, and be practicably indestructible if kept covered when not in use. If the cricket authorities are not opposed to the idea, it would be worth while experimenting with a woodblock pitch in lieu of asphalt and cement pitches. I am, &c.,

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. In addition to the ordinary railway service to Rockdale, a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

The pony and galloway races to be run at Canterbury Park on Wednesday next will require attention to-day before 5 p.m., at which hour entries close with the secretary, Mr. W. L. Davis. Particulars will be found in our business sheets.

The secretary of the Rosebery Park pony and galloway races, Mr. E. G. Froom, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the events to be run on Tuesday next. The card will be found in our advertising columns.

E. Keys has put Ettebah and the Fusileer gelding, Flintlock, into work again. He has decided to give Kallatina, who has now been in training for 12 months without winning a race, a spell. It was Keys's intention had Kallatina secured a race in the spring to have retired her to the stud.

Entries close with Mr. P. O'Mara at 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Thursday next. The programme will be found in the business portion of the paper.

It is intended by A. Thomson to race the galloway Beauvoir among ponies and galloways in future.

Following the example set by the Commissioners of Taxation in Victoria, the local Department of Taxation have requested the A.J.C. to furnish the names of winners of races up to the close of December, 1896.

Shannon Vale (Corowa district) and Bungowannah Jockey Club race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. report the sale privately of a bay filly, three years, by Mentor from Essie, and a bay gelding, three years, by Mentor from Polana.

Wallace, whose name appears in the list of entries for the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap, is a bay gelding, five years old, by Vengeur (son of Chandos) from a mare by Piper. He won the New Year's Gift and the Farewell Handicap at Hay on New Year's Day, carrying 8st 8lb in the former and 10st 9lb in the latter. He is stated locally to be a better horse than Glenloth or any other horse that has won races at Hay in the past. Wallace is a big upstanding gelding, and is regarded as a likely candidate for Grand National honours should he not prove successful in metropolitan company on the flat.

The American jockey J. T. Sloan, who arrived in England prior to the Cesarewitch to ride for Mr. J. R. Keene, who also hails from the land of the Stars and Stripes, has had a most successful time in the saddle during the remainder of the English racing season. His mounts totalled 58, out of which he scored 20 wins. On the concluding day of the Manchester November meeting Sloan steered four winners, and finished second on the American-bred horse Keenan in the Manchester November Handicap, won by Asterie. Sloan is one of the leading horsemen in his native land.

The utility of the Australian starting is meeting with rapid recognition among Continental sportsmen. A satisfactory trial has been given at Maisons-Lafitte; and, according to late files from England, arrangements were then being made for an exhibition on one of the leading Italian racecourses.

Blair has been withdrawn from the Park Stakes and Flying Welter in connection with the January meeting at Canterbury Park on Saturday next.

A programme of pony and galloway races announced in our advertising columns will be run through at Brighton on Monday next. Entries for the different events close with the secretary (Mr. T. Peters) at 5 p.m. to-day.

Entries close to-morrow at 5 p.m. for the Lillie Bridge pony and trotting races to be run on Monday night.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the A.J.C. committee was held yesterday afternoon. A communication was received from the Department of Taxation asking a list of winners up to the end of December, 1896, and the secretary was instructed to comply with the request. The appeal lodged by Mr. J. Viper against the decision of the Wallsend Jockey Club in disqualifying York for the Jockey Club Handicap at the Christmas meeting on the 25th ultimo for alleged interference was dismissed, and the race awarded to The Rat. The appeal of Mr. J. A. Cleary against the decision of the committee of the Nundle race meeting in disqualifying Sir Arthur for the Nundle Handicap was sustained, and the race awarded to Sir Arthur. The disqualification for 12 months inflicted by the Canterbury Park stewards on the jockey D. Cook was adopted. Permission to ride racehorses was granted to M. Hines. The disqualification of Frank MacAlister for having ridden ponies was removed. Trainers' licenses were granted to William Thomas, John O'Dowd, and Patrick Hopkins; and jockeys' licenses to H. A. Gardiner, Frank Fielder, Sydney Smith, Fred. Woodward, and Albert Cush.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

Tan track proper, 1 mile 2 furlongs 35 yards. Inside tan track, 1 mile 1 furlong 154 yards.

The two tan tracks were open for use at Randwick yesterday morning, when some smart galloping was done on the tan proper, which was particularly fast. None of the horses that ran prominently at the late meetings were under galloping orders, and Saylas, Duddington, Positano, Insulator, Bob Ray, The Trier, Tornado, Loch Marie, and Mirella were pottering about on the inside tan. Talavera easily beat Coombewood over a mile in 1 minute 50½ seconds. Heliobes just beat Rubina over five furlongs in 1 minute 10 seconds, and Dumb Girl ran a stout mile in 1 minute 50 seconds. With the exception of a fast gallop around the tan done by Amiable the rest of the fast work was accomplished on the tan proper. Influenza ran six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds. Cravat and Nor' East ran a mile together at a strong pace, and Prince Consort left five furlongs behind in 1 minute 8¾ seconds. Sensation and Fielder's new purchase, the Rose of Cobham colt, ran half a mile together in 55 seconds, and Mishap easily beat The Scotchman for six furlongs, run in 1 minute 19 seconds. Plutus slipped over half a dozen furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds, and Beverley did likewise in half a second less. Old Glendennon ran a stout mile alone, and Lady Macbeth put by five furlongs in 1 minute 5 seconds. Adoration and Spectator slipped over half a mile in 51 seconds, and El Norte went over a mile at half-pace. Survivor and Rockdove were together at the close of six furlongs, which they ran in 1 minute 18¾ seconds. Record beat Gold Creek very easily over a round run in 2 minute 27 seconds. Holster and Spark ran six furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds. Mecca, The Tela, and Trinidad were not hurried to run five furlongs in 1 minute 10 seconds; while Tellamine and Kalani worked fast over five furlongs.

ALBURY RACING CLUB.

ALBURY, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Albury Racing Club to-night the annual report and balance-sheet showed satisfactory progress. The receipts had increased and the prize money was made larger, and the year's work resulted in a substantial reduction of the overdraft. The report was received and adopted, and the retiring committee was re-elected.

WEST AUSTRALIAN SPORTING NEWS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

J. Redfearn leaves here by the steamer Kalgoorlie, taking with him Trentham and Mr. George Gray's two Bill of Portland 2 year olds to be trained at Flemington.

It is not improbable that Tarquin will be sent over for the Newmarket Handicap.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB.

THIRD DAY.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The third and concluding day's racing of the W.A.T.C. New Year's Meeting was held this afternoon. The weather was very warm. The sum of £9964 was passed through the four totalisators. The results of the racing were:—

Final Hurdle Race, a handicap of 150 sovs., second 20 sovs., and third 10 sovs. from the stake, 1 mile 3 furlongs.—Mr. Firebrace's Juvenile, by Cheviot—Malissa, 10st 2lb (Bailey), 1; Mr. Ward's Satanella, 10st 12lb (Cox), 2; Mr. M'Lean's Chance, 9st 10lb (Powell), 3. Other starters: First Bolt and Sundial. Chance made the running till three furlongs from home, when Juvenile then took command. Satanella beat Chance in the run home. First Bolt was fourth. Time, 3 minutes 44 1-5 seconds. Dividend, £4 18s.

Juvenile Handicap of 150 sovs., for two-year-olds, 5 furlongs.—Mr. Towton's Persuasion, 8st 12lb (Uathank), 1; Mr. Osborne's Mural, 7st (Kirk), 2; The Coreissan, 8st 12lb (Gregory), 3. The other starter was Merryman, 8st 7lb (Cox), who ran third, but was disqualified for being 1½lb short in the weight. Won with a lot in hand by a head. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds. Dividend, £1 12s.

Railway Stakes of 400 sovs., second 50 sovs., and third 25 sovs. from stakes, 1¼ mile.—Mr. Macpherson's Onslow, by Trenton—Sumatra, 8st 4lb (Walker), 1; Mr. Arthur's Yale Lock, 9st 10lb (Bolger), 2; Mr. Woods' Scarpia, 9st 3lb (Torpey), 3. Other starters: Newbold (Selby), Common (Griffith), Verna (Trewarthan), Kilt (M'Sweeney), Brayleigh (Powell), Primrose (Hodgkins), Steadfast (Wedmann), Dryden (Cox), Barn Maria (Driscoll), Reproach (Power), Faithful (J. Walker). Scarpia took up the running in the front, and throughout was attended by Newbold and Steadfast, with Onslow lying seventh. Onslow went up to the leaders three furlongs from home, and led into the straight, settling Scarpia at the distance. Then a strong challenge was made by Yale Lock, who appeared to beat the favourite on the post, but the verdict was decided in favour of Onslow by half a head. Scarpia was three-parts of a length off third, Common fourth, Primrose and Yale Lock were in the ruck, and Dryden last. Time, 2 minutes 13 3-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 12s.

Disposal Stakes, 7 furlongs.—Mr. Towton's Tapean (Cox), 1; Mr. Plant's Speculation (Weidermann), 2; Mr. Stephens's Dara, 3. Won by a long length. Time, 1 minute 31 4-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 7s.

Queen's Plate, weight for age, 3 miles.—Mr. Arthur's Le Var (Bolger), 1; Mr. Wood's Scarpia (Torpey), 2. No others started. Won in a canter by 10 lengths. Time, 5 minutes 56 seconds. Dividend, £1 3s.

Farewell Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Towton's Tarquin, 9st 12lb (Cox), 1; Mr. Loton's Ultimatum (J. Walker), 2; Mr. Shaw ns Lottie (Driscoll), 3. Seven others started. Won easily by a length, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 17 1-5 seconds. Dividend, 30s.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The management of the Kensington Pony and Galloway Races were favoured with fine weather for the meeting held there yesterday. The results were:—

Novice Handicap (15.0) of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—E. Donovan's ch f Melanite, 3 years, 8st (Whitbread), 1; A. W. Barry's b m Filigree, 4 years, 7st 1lb, including 4lb over (Marriott), 2; D. Malone ns ch g Mistake, aged, 7st 6lb (C. Dean), 3. Other starters: Lady Lochiel, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over; Sue, 7st 2lb, including 4lb over; Muriel, 6st 8lb, including 1lb over. Betting: 2 to 1 on Melanite, 4 to 1 v. Filigree, 8 to 1 each v. Mistake and Muriel. Won easily by five lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 59 seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—W. H. Watson ns br m Brown Mantle, 6 years, 7st 10lb (J. Hancock), 1; J. Tomlinson's ch m Clarrie, aged, 9st (Crothers), 2; W. O'Brien's b m Cora, 4 years, 7st 12lb (Milne), 3. Other starters: Stormy, 7st 9lb; Robin, 7st; F. W., 6st 13lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Brown Mantle, 2 to 1 v. Robin, 6 to 1 v. Cora, 8 to 1 v. Clarrie. Won by three-quarters of a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 59½ seconds.

Fifteen Hands Handicap of 25 sovs., 5 furlongs.—James Perry ns b m Vade, 6 years, 6st 7lb (H. Howard), 1; E. Donovan's ch g Benedick, 4 years, 6st 11lb (Sheppard), 2; T. M'Mahon ns br m Churchlight, 5 years, 8st 10lb (Crockett), 3. Other starters: Martini, 8st 11lb, including 2lb over; Loch Katrine, 7st 10lb; Silver Hill, 7st 7lb; After Ten, 7st 2lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Benedick, 3 to 1 v. Churchlight, 6 to 1 v. Silver Hill, 7 to 1 v. Vade. Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds.

Fourteen Hands Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—W. Andrews ns blk f Cinder, 2 years, 9st 5lb (Whitbread), 1; F. Menser's b m Little Alice, aged, 7st 12lb (H. Sleigh), 2; J. Robertson's ch m Carissima, 5 years, 7st 7lb (G. Foster), 3. Other starters: Not Yet, 9st 2lb; Kathleen, 8st 9lb; The Rat, 8st 4lb; Marsano, 8st; King Parr, 7st 9lb. Betting: Even money on Kathleen, 4 to 1 v. Cinder, 7 to 1 each v. Not Yet and Marsano. Won by a head, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 54 seconds.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 25 sovs., 5 furlongs.—H. Lester ns b m Count, 5 years, 7st 10lb, including 3lb penalty (F. Kuhn), 1; J. M'Donagh ns blk or br m St. Mary, 5 years, 7st 6lb (Howard), 2; L. Cherry's b f Quartz Crusher, 3 years, 6st 7lb (Crockett), 3. Other starters: Jessie, 8st 2lb; Bessie, 8st; Antic, 6st 8lb; Ina, 6st 12lb, including 4lb over; Tamba (late Relleen), 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. St. Mary, 5 to 2 v. Bessie, 6 to 1 each v. Quartz Crusher and Count, 8 to 1 v. Jessie. Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5½ seconds.

New Year Handicap (14.3) of 40 sovs., 6 furlongs.—First heat: W. Palmer ns blk g Cadow, 6 years, 8st 2lb (Whitbread), 1. Other starters: Fitzroy, 8st 3lb; Miss, 8st 2lb; Loftus, 7st 12lb; Etheline, 7st 3lb; Romp, 7st; Rosy Morn, 6st 8lb; Zara, 6st 8lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Cadow, 4 to 1 v. Fitzroy, 5 to 1 v. Loftus, 6 to 1 v. Miss, 8 to 1 v. Etheline, 10 to 1 v. Rosy Morn. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 11½ seconds. Second heat: A. W. Barry's b m Silverstream, 6 years, 7st 10lb (Marriott), 1. Other starters: Mineral, 8st 10lb; Battler, 8st 7lb; Rigmarole, 8st 2lb; Busher, 8st; Ivis, 7st 12lb; Scotia, 7st; Creel, 7st; The Dove, 6st 13lb, including 1lb over; Forgery, 6st 5lb; Jack II., 6st 7lb; Melone, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Rigmarole, 3 to 1 v. Scotia, 6 to 1 each v. Silverstream and Ivis. Won by three lengths. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds. Final: Cadow, w.o.

LILLIE BRIDGE RACES.

There was a good attendance at Lillie Bridge last night, when a programme of pony and trotting races was run through. The pony Young Australian, owner (J. Attwood), and jockey (Phillips) were disqualified for two months. The following are the results:—

Thirteen Hands Handicap, 3 furlongs.—J. M'Grath's Fritz, 8st 2lb (Brewer), 1. Other starters: Eurobin, 9st 10lb; Frills, 8st 10lb; Lady Mulgrave, 7t 10lb; Leila, 7st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 on Frills, 2 to 1 v. Fritz, 4 to 1 v. others. Won by a head.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4 furlongs.—H. Fitzgerald's Winnie, 7st 10lb (H. John), 1. Other starters: Lady Lovell, 9st 8lb; Spec, 8st 1lb; Siren, 8st 9lb; Mona, 8st 2lb; Lady Isabel, 7st 12lb. Betting: Even money on Lady Lovell, 2 to 1 v. Spec, 4 to 1 each v. Siren and Mona, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by a length.

Thirteen-two Handicap, 3 furlongs.—A. Baker's Rosey, 10st 9lb (Parnell), 1. Other starters: Eurobin, 8st 10lb; Little Nora, 8st 4lb; Matea, 8st 2lb; Virginia, 8st 4lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Rosey, 2 to 1 v. Eurobin, 5 to 1 v. Virginia, 4 to 1 v. others. Won by half a head.

Pony and Horse Trot, 2 miles.—C. Gallagher's Cleveland, 3 seconds in front, 1. Other starters: Nora, 24 seconds in front; Nipper, 5 seconds in front; Banjo, 5 seconds behind; Chance, 8 seconds behind. Betting: 6 to 4 each v. Nora and Cleveland, 3 to 1 v. Nipper, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by six lengths.

Fifteen Hands Handicap, 5 furlongs.—J. Sarkinson's Sweetheart II., 7st 6lb (Walker), 1. Other starters: Young Australian, 10st 11lb; J. T., 9st; Paris, 8st 6lb; The Nun, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Sweetheart, 2 to 1 each v. J. T. and Young Australian, 6 to 1 v. others. Won by a length.

WHITE CLIFFS RACING CLUB.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

The details of the White Cliffs Racing Club's summer meeting, held on the 30th ultimo, arrived by to-day's mail. There was a large attendance, and some excellent racing was witnessed. The stewards, determined to put down "stiff" riding, which is so prevalent at back-country race meetings, posted two of their number at the turn into the straight during the running of each race. An inquiry was held into the form of certain horses in the Forced Handicap, resulting in the horse Daybreak, trainer (Curran), and jockey (Caldwell) being disqualified for six months for suspicious running; and Tweedie, the rider of Jack, was severely reprimanded for foul riding, which is to be reported to the A.J.C. The following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Camel, 1; Sweep, 2; Too Late, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 22 seconds.

Hack Race, 5 furlongs.—Pomeroy, 1; Daybreak, 2; Eileen, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1 minute 9 seconds.

Opal Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Camel, 1; Sweep, 2. Won by half a length. Time, 2 minutes 22 seconds.

Hack Race, 6 furlongs.—Fairy, 1; Actress, 2; Harold, 3.

Open Handicap, 1 mile.—Too Late, 1; Affluence, 2; Eileen, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 55 seconds.

Forced Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Affluence, 1; Daybreak, 2; Jack, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1 minute 25 seconds.

THARGOMINDAH RACES.

THARGOMINDAH, Thursday.

The races held on Monday were fairly well attended. The weather was fine, and the meeting was financially successful. The results are:—

Hurdles.—Limerick, 1; Boomerang, 2; Linguist, 3.

Trial Stakes.—Doncaster, 1; Fusey, 2; Musk, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Burlaway, +1; Sportsman, +2; Pardon, 2; Triple, 4. A dead heat for first place, the run off being won by Burlaway.

Hack Race.—Galatea, 1.

New Year's Handicap.—Burlaway, 1; Doncaster, 2; Seaweed, 3. A splendid race.

TIRRANNA RACE CLUB.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Entries and weights for the principal events to be run at the annual meeting of the Tirranna Race Club are as follows:—

Trial Stakes.—Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, 11st; Mr. Bloomfield's Review, 11st; Mr. Knox's Aquila, 10st 11lb; Mr. Rutledge's Record, 9st 13lb.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, 11st 2lb; Mr. Bloomfield's Review, 10st 13lb; Mr. Chisholm's Wild Rose, 10st 13lb; Mr. Knox's Aquila, 10st 11lb; Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, 10st 11lb; Mr. Rutledge's Record, 10st 1lb.

Tirranna Cup.—Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, 11st 4lb; Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, 11st 1lb; Mr. Chisholm's Thistle, 11st 1lb; Mr. Knox's Aquila, 10st 11lb; Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, 10st 11lb; Mr. Rutledge's Record, 9st 11lb.

Members' Plate.—Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, 11st 3lb; Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, 11st; Mr. Bloomfield's Review, 11st; Mr. Chisholm's Wild Rose, 11st; Mr. Knox's Aquila, 10st 11lb; Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, 10st 11lb; Mr. Rutledge's Record, 9st 13lb.

Ladies' Mile.—Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, Mr. Knox's Aquila, Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, Mr. Bloomfield's Review, Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, Mr. Rutledge's Record.

Bachelor's Purse.—Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, Mr. Knox's Aquila, Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, Mr. Rutledge's Record.

Argyle Plate.—Mr. Badrery's Camel, Mr. Cunningham's Crown Prince, Mr. Knox's Aquila, Mr. Stephen's Bogabilla, Mr. Bloomfield's Review, Mr. Chisholm's Wild Rose, Mr. Rutledge's Gold Creek, Mr. Rutledge's Record.

CRICKET.

NORTH COAST CRICKET TEAM.

The North Coast team of cricketers completed their metropolitan tour on Tuesday, the match with a city eleven, arranged for Wednesday, having been abandoned, owing to several players leaving for their homes on Tuesday. The tour, considering all things, was very successful. Ten matches were played, five of which were won and five drawn. The North Coasters did not taste defeat at all, although a couple of the draws were against them. Too many matches by far were played, and it is surprising that the members of the team stood the hard work so well. In the matter of the toss, too, the visitors were singularly unfortunate, luck only being with them twice. The bowling strength of the team was also considerably handicapped, owing to Want's arm being injured in the third match, and he never thoroughly recovered. His figures come out remarkably well notwithstanding. The batting was fairly consistent throughout the tour. These are the totals of the 10 innings played:—116, 8 wickets for 215, 280, 5 for 86, 4 for 116, 9 for 200, 212, 4 for 163, 191, and 4 for 151. Considering that the majority of the players never batted on turf before this trip, the averages must be considered very fair. Appended are the batting and bowling averages:—Batting: Hoskings, 9 innings, 2 not outs, 304 runs, average 43·5; Want, 7 innings, 2 not outs, 191 runs, average 38·2; Ashdown, 5 innings, 142 runs, average 28·4; Nicklin (captain), 7 innings, 187 runs, average 26·7; White, 8 innings, 3 not outs, 126 runs, average 25·2; Clarke, 10 innings, 225 runs, average 22·5; Spencer, 3 innings, 1 not out, 39 runs, average 19·5; T. W. Cohen, 8 innings, 1 not out, 106 runs, average 15·2; B. Cohen, 4 innings, 1 not out, 35 runs, average 11·7; Geltens, 7 innings, 81 runs, average 11·6; Smith, 7 innings, 1 not out, 56 runs, average 9·3; Davis, 6 innings, 1 not out, 16 runs, average 3·2.

Want tops the bowling averages with 20 wickets for 205 runs, an average of 10·2 runs per wicket. It is almost a certainty that had his arm not been injured these figures would have been considerably improved. Davis secured 6 wickets for 70 runs, average 11·6; Smith, 19 for 228, an average of 12; White, 27 for 426, average 15·7; and Clarke, 12 for 207, average 17·2.

The members of the Ashfield Half-holiday Association met a team from the Balmain Association, at Marks's Paddock, Ashfield, on Wednesday afternoon last. The match was not completed. Balmain scored 148, and at the drawing of stumps Ashfield had lost six wickets for 35.

ATHLETICS.

THE TEAM FOR ENGLAND BENEFIT SPORTS MEETING.

W. Roseingrave, a brother of the ex-Irish champion, M. M. Roseingrave, and a member of the famous New York Athletic Club, has entered for the quarter-mile championship at the benefit meeting to-morrow. Mr. Roseingrave has a good record as a fast runner, and his meeting with C. Campbell, of Queensland, 440 yards champion of Australasia, in this event will provide an interesting struggle. All arrangements are now complete, and given a fine day the patriotic character of the meeting, independent of the highly interesting and novel programme provided, should be responsible for a very large attendance. There will be frequent tram communication with the ground, and the first race is set down for 2.30. The following officials have been appointed by the N.S.W.A.A.A. to carry out the various events:—Judges, F. W. Maddocks, A. L. Baird, W. B. Alexander, and Baird's automatic judging machine; starter, R. Coombes; referee, A. Morgan; clerks of course, G. Le Queane, D. H. Moir; judges of field games, R. Coombes, W. T. Macpherson, R. J. White; number and costume steward, B. Harrison; press steward, S. R. Edwards; timekeepers, W. T. Kerr, S. J. Wyatt, W. Oakes, G. Alcock.

CYCLING.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEGSON, BARDEN, AND KELLOW.

Yesterday we gave particulars of the disqualification of these riders for one month. The appeal has now been settled by the Victorian authorities, and the result is that Barden and Kellow's appeal has been upheld, but that of Megson has been disallowed. Megson therefore loses the Brassard, and it is likely that Green will take his place, and the next contest will probably be between Green and Walne.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

At yesterday's meeting of the executive of the union, presided over by Mr. Alfred Chapman, the arrangements for the hour's paced race to be ridden on the 15th instant at the Agricultural Ground were proceeded with. So far about a dozen double machines have been secured, and the allotting of the positions of the crews is now being proceeded with, and the men will be got to work at once. Little training will, however, be necessary, as the men are all in good form and accustomed to riding the big machines; so that the executive are quite satisfied that the competitors in the big event, of whom there will be about six, will be set all the pace they wish. The multicycle race for amateurs, to be ridden at the same meeting, is also exciting much interest among the amateur riders, as this is the first event of its kind they have taken part in. Several crews are now in training and putting in good work, the Brothers Longmuir and the Brothers Cameron, each mounted on tandems, and a triplet crew on the North Shore, are reported as being in good fettle, while several union riders have combined for the occasion. The Ryde Electorate Club wrote forwarding one new name for affiliation with the union.

SUBURBAN BICYCLE CLUB.

A mile handicap race for members of the Suburban Bicycle Club will be run off on the Agricultural Ground on Saturday, the 15th instant. Entries will close at the amateur sports room to-morrow. The men to represent the club in the forthcoming team race will probably consist of Messrs. Hamilton, Cleve, and Pearson.

ROAD RACING AND RECORD-BREAKING.

This matter has been engaging the attention of the National Cyclist Union for some time, and has now been finally dealt with. The union will not in future recognise road racing or record-breaking.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The Lismore branch of the League of Wheelmen has upheld the protest against H. Arnott, the winner of the Three-mile Handicap at the November meeting, and awarded the prize to Drinkwater. Another protest against H. Arnott for having increased the weight of his machine was dismissed.

LAWN TENNIS.

NORTH PETERSHAM CLUB.

The match for the Ladies' Handicap, played under American rules, was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday afternoon last on the club's courts at North Petersham. After an interesting contest Miss M. Candell was declared the winner.

BOWLS.

ST. LEONARDS CLUB.

A meeting of the committee of the St. Leonards B.C. was held in the pavilion on Wednesday last. Mr. F. Punch presided. The treasurer's report showed the bank overdraft to be £84, but the new account was in credit to the amount of £54 14s 9d. At the wish of the members the late president, Mr. G. J. Barry, gave a framed portrait of himself, which will hang in the pavilion with those of other past presidents. Messrs. Bligh, Board, and Forsyth were appointed a home green committee; Messrs. Forsyth, Perry, and Arthur, association and interclub committee; and Messrs. Forsyth, Board, and Hobson, handicappers.

BILLIARDS.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The second round in connection with the Waverley Club billiard tournament was completed during the week with the following results:—W. Wynne (60) beat C. G. Sledge (50), H. C. Usher (30) beat J. Graham (60), E. H. Parsons (70) beat J. Robinson (scratch), R. Beatia (scratch), beat H. Patterson (60), H. C. Evans (70) beat J. Morgan (forfeit), H. Franks (60) beat C. E. Hewlett (60), A. J. Sands (60) beat Dr. Edwards (forfeit), E. E. Wahlberg (30) beat E. G. N. Gibbes (10).

PYRAMIDS.

In the Waverley Bowling Club pyramid competition the following are the results:—J. H. Sands (scratch) beat R. G. Watkins (scratch), E. E. Wahlberg (6 balls) beat H. C. Usher (4 balls), W. Macleod (6 balls) beat C. G. Sledge (6 balls), F. Stewart (scratch) beat G. C. Begg (scratch) forfeit, W. G. Cains (4 balls) beat J. Gibbs (4 balls), J. Graham (8 balls) beat W. Wynne (6 balls).

SAILING.

INTERCOLONIAL SAILING CARNIVAL.

Yesterday by the A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Warrego most of our representative craft returned from Brisbane after their successful performances there. The crews generally express themselves as having plenty of work whilst away, the course not being so close handy as is the case here, and on the days on which races were sailed over the Moreton Bay course it was very late before a return was made to their respective sheds. The Australian returns to-day. The majority of the boats will meet in the Flying Squadron Handicap to-morrow.

SWIMMING.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

On Wednesday night this club held a 150 Yards Members' Handicap at the Coogee Aquarium baths. Mr. E. M. D. Spring (president) was judge, and Mr. John Brown acted as starter and timekeeper. The racing reflected much credit on the handicappers, all the heats being closely contested. The results were as follows:—

First heat: S. Robertson, 6 seconds, 1; A. F. Waters, 4 seconds, 2; J. Woods, 4 seconds, 3. Time, 2 minutes 7 seconds. Won by a touch. Second heat: F. A. Randle, 20 seconds, 1; E. O'Dowd, 12 seconds, 2. Time, 2 minutes 17 seconds. Won by 2 yards. The other three starters did not finish. Third heat: A. Cameron, 13 seconds, 1; E. Schaffer, 13 seconds, 2. Won by a yard. Time very slow. Fourth heat: J. R. W. Mace, 20 seconds, 1; A. Robertson, 4 seconds, 2. Time, 2 minutes 24 seconds. Won by a yard. Final: J. R. Wallace, 20 seconds, 1; A. Cameron, 13 seconds, 2. Time, 2 minutes 18 seconds. Won by a touch only. A hard fought race, Randle providing the pace. At the 100 yards all were about level, and at the last turn Cameron had a slight advantage, but Wallace spurted splendidly, and just got home. Randle and Robertson gave up 10 yards from the finish.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN TURKEY.

AT ITS LOWEST EBB.

There is excellent reason to believe (says the Vienna correspondent of the "Times") that the financial situation of Turkey is at the lowest ebb. The war indemnity will provide something to go on with, but when that is exhausted a seriously embarrassed state of affairs is to be apprehended. The Turks can get along with very little money, but they cannot possibly do so with none at all. The civil and military services can be kept going without being regularly paid, but, as was seen the other day in the case of the Turkish Ambassador in Berlin, not even the most devoted of the Sultan's public servants can possibly discharge his duties without any pay whatever. Indeed, it is symptomatic of the present financial distress in Constantinople that the diplomatic representatives of the Sultan abroad should always have been paid with great punctuality until lately.

In order to inspire Europe with confidence, a German official is going to Constantinople to see what he can do in the way of putting accounts straight. The probabilities are that he will not be able to do much. It will be remembered that some fifteen years ago another German official was called to Constantinople by the Sultan for a similar purpose. When he got there he was kept idle until he complained of having nothing to do. Eventually he was entrusted with the verification of the paid coupons, and that was all he ever did in the way of reorganising Turkish finance.

It should be borne in mind that the Porte does not get much credit from the Government contractors. For instance, such firms as that of Krupp, of Essen, insist upon payment in advance of all orders they undertake to execute. Some of the regular contractors employed by the Porte make prices that admit of their carrying out their orders on payment of an instalment which in many instances does not exceed one-third. Even then, if the rest is not paid they lose nothing. Those who foresee that the end of the Ottoman Empire in Europe is likely to be promoted as well by financial as political complications may thus prove to be right.

SHOPS' EARLY-CLOSING BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A few days ago a letter appeared in your journal signed "A Small Shopkeeper," asking when the long-promised Early Closing Bill will be introduced, as he is most anxious for it to become law. A couple of weeks since the shopkeepers of Newcastle unanimously and voluntarily adopted the early closing of all shops. This experiment has been tried in various cities, but unfortunately it lasted only for a short period, as the majority was at the mercy of any one grasping shopkeeper who chose to break his promise by keeping open his premises after the stipulated hour, thereby coercing the majority of storekeepers to follow suit so as to prevent the minority from monopolising the trade. Exactly 12 months ago Mr. Samuel Hordern voluntarily closed his colossal establishment at 1 p.m., instead of at 10 p.m. as formerly, on Saturdays, thereby granting a remission of nine hours per week to the nearly 1000 shop assistants in his retail establishment, so that his employees might enjoy a half-holiday like other folk. This indeed was a self-sacrificing act, but the public seem to appreciate it because, I was informed yesterday by one of the chiefs in the counting house of the establishment that Hordern lost nothing by voluntarily adopting the early closing. Although the hours of labour per week have been reduced by a day—nine hours—no reduction of wages was made. I cite the above incidents to prove that the public, employers, and employees are anxious to see the Early Closing Bill become law. Both would be gainers in the long run.

Over a year ago our Premier, Mr. Reid, in reply to Lady Darley's eloquent appeal on behalf of the female shop assistants to have their hours of labour reduced, stated that at an early date his Government intended introducing an Early Closing Bill. Lady Darley and the other leading philanthropic ladies, members of Parliament, doctors, and clergy who formed the deputation, succeeded in getting the shop assistants incorporated in the Factories Act, thereby limiting the hours of work of the younger male and female shop assistants, and getting sitting accommodation for females behind the counters and improved sanitary arrangements. I am sure, if Lady Darley organised a similar representative deputation to our Premier and reminded him of his promises, and urged him to hasten the passage of the important Act, which has been anxiously awaited for so long by employers and employees, he would willingly accede to the request.

As I first introduced this question in your columns, which you very kindly opened to me, I trust you will favour me by publishing this. I am, &c.,

ARTHUR M'MURROUGH KAVANAGH.

The personalty of the Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, Dean of Llandaff, who died on October 15, is sworn at £22,208 12s 5d. Mrs. Vaughan, the widow, and Edward Vaughan Thompson, the nephew, are the executors.

FERRY BOATS ON FIRE.

An extraordinary outbreak of fire took place on board the Balmain New Ferry Company's steamer Lady Hampden whilst at Baldrock, the vessel was burned to the water's edge, and the fire extended to two other boats.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outwards: January 6. Maori King, s., 3837 tons, Captain T. Priske, for London, via ports; Falls of Garry, barque, 1971 tons, Captain W. Lawrence, for London, via Tobio; Argus, s., 2792 tons, Captain C. M'Donald, for Colombo, via Newcastle; Warrego, s., 1805 tons, Captain J. B. S. Medley, for Burketown, via ports; Taviuni, s., 1464 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, for Suva and Samoa, via Newcastle.

Captain J. B. S. Medley reports that the steamer Warrego left Burketown on the 25th ultimo, called in at usual ports on Queensland coast, arriving at Brisbane on the 3rd instant, left at 3.50 the following afternoon, passed South Solitary at 11.42 a.m. on the 5th, entered Sydney Heads at 8.30 a.m. on the 6th, and subsequently berthed alongside company's Lime-street wharf. Experienced rainy weather as far as Brisbane, from thence to Crowdy Head fine weather with moderate head winds, from Crowdy Head to Sydney Heads rain squalls with moderate head winds and sea.

Captain E. Farrell, of the Electra, reports crossing the Richmond bar at 6.45 a.m. on the 5th instant, and arrived in Sydney at 4.20 p.m. of the 6th.

Captain Walker reports that the Allowrie left Eden on 5th instant at 8 a.m., calling at Merimbula, Tathra, and Bermagui, leaving latter place at 9.45 p.m., passed Cape St. George on the 6th at 6 a.m.; entered Sydney Heads at 2.30 p.m., and arrived at company's wharf at 3.15 p.m. Experienced moderate southerly winds to Bermagui, thence light easterly winds and fine weather to arrival.

The River Hunter leaves to-night for Gisborne, via Newcastle.

The German Atlantic steamship lines have raised their steerage passenger fare to New York to 150 marks. The increase takes effect immediately.

Captain B. Alley reports that the steamer Oakland left Richmond River at 7.30 a.m. on the 5th, arrived in Sydney at 7.20 p.m. on the 6th instant.

Captain James Pearse reports that the steamer Madeline crossed the Richmond bar at 5 a.m. on the 4th, and arrived in Sydney at 1 a.m. 6th. Experienced fresh southerly to S.E. winds to Solitary Islands, then light variable winds to Bird Island, then fresh S.E. winds to arrival.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The German mail steamer Barbarossa, from Bremen December 15, left Suez on the 3rd instant for Australia.

The R.M.S. Miowera arrived at Vancouver on Saturday last, the 1st instant. She left Sydney December 6.

The R.M.S. Lusitania, from London December 10, left Colombo 4th January.

The R.M.S. Mariposa has gone up to Mort's Dock for cleaning.

The French mail steamer Polynesien at 5 a.m. yesterday arrived at Albany, and sailed for Marseilles at 9.20 a.m.

The Bremen, hence to Marseilles, arrived at the Semaphore at 11.50 p.m. January 5.

THE NEW P. AND O. STEAMERS.

In the report of the directors read at the fifty-seventh annual meeting, held December 10, appeared the following:—"The Egypt, one of the four large mail steamers recently contracted for, has been despatched on her first voyage to India. The Arabia, a sister ship, and the last of these four vessels, has been launched, but her completion will be retarded by the disagreement between the employers and the engineers. The same remark applies to the two express steamers, the Isis and Osiris, which are being built for the conveyance of the mails between Brindisi and Egypt, and it is impossible that those vessels can be got ready in time to inaugurate the new service which commences in February. It is hoped that the delay may not prove to be a very serious one, as these vessels are essential to the plans which the directors have formed for carrying out the mail contract."

THE GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The Sonneberg, from Hamburg and Antwerp, via Port Elizabeth, is due at the company's wharf on the 13th or 14th instant. A report of the voyage comes from Adelaide. Captain Petersen reports that the vessel left Hamburg on October 31, called at Antwerp on November 2, and after finishing loading left and touched at Alderney for a last consignment of dynamite, taking final departure on November 7. She had moderate winds and fine weather down the Atlantic, crossing the equator on November 18. The south-east trades proved moderate, and on December 6 she rounded the Cape of Good Hope, and next day anchored at Port Elizabeth. On December 10, having discharged 1100 tons of general cargo, the vessel left again with fine weather to start, after which heavy gales and high breaking sea, which did some damage to the bulwarks and deck gear, though nothing very serious. Her cargo partly consists of explosives.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The Japan Steamship Company have just added a new steamer to their fleet in the Ilingo Maru. The twin-screw vessel of 5025 tons gross ran her speed and coal consumption trials on November 23 and 24, when a mean speed of 14½ knots was easily maintained. She is the fifth steamer built by Messrs. David and William Henderson and Co., Partick, for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Tokio, and is intended for their Australian trade.

THE ABERDEEN WHITE STAR LINE.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. are advised that the steamer Australasian, in this line, left London on the 4th instant, for Melbourne and Sydney, via Capetown.

THE ADEN WRECK.

Reference to the wreck of the P. and O. steamer Aden is made in the report of the directors of the company received by yesterday's mail. The directors say:—"No words could adequately express the sorrow of the directors, not only at the loss of life which attended this disaster, but for the sufferings of the survivors. It will be a melancholy satisfaction to the proprietors to learn that the Court of Inquiry which investigated all the circumstances fully exonerated the company, and referred, in giving their judgment, to the excellent discipline, the absence of panic among the passengers, the admirable conduct of the Lascars, and the gallantry of the officers and engineers of the ship. It is unnecessary to remind the proprietors that they are the sole insurers of their ships, and the amount at which the Aden stood in the company's books (£48,687) has been duly charged in the working account of the year against current revenue."

CHARTERS.

Charters were yesterday advised by mail through Mr. A. Thompson:—Baroda, London to Sydney; Clackmannanshire, Antwerp to Sydney; Condor, London to Sydney; Anglo Norman, Liverpool to Brisbane; Prablock, London to Sydney and Newcastle; Peri, Fremantle, U. K. Continent; Annie Fletcher, Newcastle to West Coast; Fram, Newcastle to West Coast.

REMOVALS.

The steamer Oaissa is due from Newcastle to-day. She is to berth at the Pyrmont Wharf.

The barque Alma is in the Jubilee Dock.

The barque Peru will berth at the Grafton Wharf to-day, where she discharges her cargo of sugar.

The ship Centurion moves up to Mort's Dock to-day for cleaning.

THE ADDERLEY.

A survey was yesterday held upon the barque that was recently floated off the Stockton beach. The surveyors found the vessel had sustained considerable damage during her stranding on the beach.

ISLAND SHIPPING.

The Taviuni reports that the London Missionary Society's yacht John Williams was lying at anchor at Samoa on the 25th and 26th ultimo, and was to leave Samoa on the 28th ultimo. The A.U.S.N. Company's Yarella, under charter to an American scientific expedition, is expected to leave Suva about the 6th instant for Sydney. The only other island shipping was the barque Hertha, loading copra at Tonga for Europe, and the barque Ellen at Suva, loading for Sydney.

ISLAND TRIP OF THE TAVIUNI.

The U.S.S. Company's Taviuni, 1465 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, arrived from Auckland, via Friendly Islands, Samoa, and Fiji, at 8 p.m. yesterday. The Taviuni left Auckland at 6 p.m. on December 15, and cleared the North Head at 6.25 p.m. At 9.15 p.m. met and stopped the steamer Anglian, from Sydney, lowered a boat, and transhipped mails and passengers, then continued the voyage, and reached Russell at 6 a.m. on the 16th. Coaled the ship at Opua, and left Russell the same day at 6 p.m. Tonga was reached at 7 p.m. on the 20th, and left at 5 p.m. on the 21st. Haapai worked on the morning of the 22nd, and Vavau reached the same night, at 9 o'clock. Left Vavau at 5 p.m. on the 23rd, arrived Samoa at 6.30 a.m. on the 25th ultimo, left again at 1 p.m. on the 26th, called at Levuka on the 29th, and reached Suva at 5 p.m. the same day. Loaded cargo at Suva on the 30th, and cleared the same night at 10.45. On the 1st instant sighted Hunter Island at 11 a.m., and reached Sydney as above. From Auckland until reaching Fiji had strong easterly winds with heavy rain squalls, thence to Sydney fine weather and light variable winds.

ARRIVALS AT FOREIGN PORTS.

The Alliance, from Brisbane, arrived at Valparaiso November 25, from Newcastle; Astoria arrived at Valparaiso from Newcastle November 25; Lord Clyde, ship, arrived at Valparaiso from Newcastle November 6; Morban at Queenstown from Tehio, New Caledonia, November 26; Tenasserim at Carthagena, from Port Pirie November 24.

THE FIRTH OF STRONSA.

The barque Firth of Stronsa, in command of Captain Craig, anchored below Garden Island last evening from Glasgow, after a passage of 97 days. She left Greenock September 27, finally cleared Tuskar September 30. Had a heavy gale in the Channel from S.E., and ship hove to for several days. Took poor trades and crossed the line November 1. Had moderate S.E. trades. Passed Tristan Da Cunha November 19, with N.E. winds, to 40 S. Then W. and S.W. to the Cape, passed November . Along the easting had westerlies to St. Paul's, December 12; Leeuwin, December 22; the south cape of Tasmania, December 31. Then a hard blow from N.W. to January 2, and light N. and N.E., shifting to S., strong and rain. Passed Gabo on the 5th, and E.E. to port. She brings part cargo for Newcastle, and comes to Messrs. Mason Brothers.

RATES OF FREIGHT.

Advices of the 1st ultimo per Oroya are:—

London to Sydney.—Sail: Fine measurement, 25s; rough, 25s; packed weight, 20s; naked weight, 15s; bottled beer, 20s measurement. Steam: 40s per ton rough measurement. Weight, 16s to 20s; candles, milk, bottles, furniture, bedsteads, paper in reels, bottled fruit, vegetables, syrups, pickles, jams, and vinegar, 40s.

From Glasgow.—Sail to Sydney, 17s 6d; Newcastle, 17s 6d; plates, bars, and sheets, Sydney or Newcastle, 15s 6d; small wrought iron tubes, Sydney and Newcastle, 20s; cast iron pipes, Sydney and Newcastle, 20s. Sydney, solid castings, 20s; hollow castings (camp ovens and covers), 47s 6d. Newcastle, solid castings, 20s; hollow castings (camp ovens and covers), 47s 6d. Sydney, fine goods, 27s 6d; rough measurement, 23s 9d. Newcastle, fine goods, 27s 6d; rough measurement, 23s 9d. Sydney and Newcastle, 23s 9d, and all with 10 per cent., payable in Glasgow.

THE PERU.

The Peru, Captain Luke, from Mauritius, reports having left on December 3 with a cargo of sugar for Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. Encountered fine weather to the Leeuwin, on December 23. Had a heavy gale there; barometer 28·50, wind west, on December 25. Went down to Tasmania on January 1, and had a gale, with low barometer. From there westerly and southerly. The vessel loads manures for Mauritius.

SALE OF THE GARONNE.

An old Australian trading mail steamer has changed hands. The iron steamer Garonne, owned by the Orient Company, and lying in London, has just been sold. She is a boat of 3901 tons gross register, and was built at Glasgow in 1871. Has compound engines of 624-h.p.n., and had new boilers in 1881. The money paid for the Garonne is not stated.

THE ANNIE THOMAS.

The Annie Thomas, a grand powerful new steel ship, in command of Captain Thomas, anchored in Athol Bight yesterday evening. She is in ballast from Port Pirie, and has come to dock for cleaning. The ship left London in September, 1896, for Vancouver, and from there took timber to Port Pirie. The vessel was built by Messrs. Mackie and Thomson, Glasgow, and launched in July, 1896. She is registered in Glasgow with the Menai Ship Company owners. Her net register is 1763 tons. Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. are agents.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

The Stock Exchange reopened to-day, after having been closed since the 24th ultimo. The market was very quiet. On the whole Government stocks were about the same as when the Exchange closed. Bank shares had a downward tendency, a sale of Bank of New South Wales showing a drop of 5s, the price obtained being £34. In the majority of cases the prices offered by buyers for bank deposit receipts showed a decline. In steam shares, higher prices were asked for N. and H. R. and North Coast, but buyers' offer for North Shore Ferry showed a reduction of 1s; whilst for Port Jackson Co-operative debenture shares the buyers price fell from 16s to 12s, and sellers from 20s to 16s 6d. Very little alteration in insurance. What there was showed a downward tendency, buyers price for United New being 18s, against 19s before, but sellers price remains unaltered. Gas also showed a falling in prices. Breweries were about the same as before, sellers, however, asking higher prices for Australian and Castlemaine and Wood Brothers. In miscellaneous, Mont de Piete shares were offered at 34s, this being a reduction of 6d, and Silverton Tramway at 96s, as against 97s before. For Sydney Hydraulic an advance of 6d was offered, and buyers price for Excelsior Deposit was 7s 9d, as against 7s 3d. For Shale and Oil shares sellers price was 3s 6d, as against 2s 9d before.

The following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: Bank of New South Wales, 34; Tooth's Brewery, 24s 3d; Fresh Food and Ice Company, 18s 10½d. At 4 o'clock: Marshall's Brewery, 3s 7d. Later: Colonial Sugar, 28. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1897	2,508,010			4	109	108½	110
Ditto Act, 1878	570,189			4	128½		130
Ditto, due 1924				3			
Ditto, due 1925				3	100	99	
Ditto Deb., 1902	389,800			5	110	105	108
Ditto Deb., 1901					107½		
Ditto Deb., 1903					108½		
N.Z. Deb., 1910	300,000			4	106	106	
Q'land Deben.				4	106½	105	
Colonial Sugar Deb., 1914				5	112	110	
Girilambone, 1902							102
Banks.							
Australian J. S.	1,105,967	10	7½		5/		
City	250,000	10	8	4	6/		
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4			
Com of Aus pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	70/		
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	22½		22½
N. S. Wales	1,900,000	20	20	9	34	33¾	34
1st Queensland	412,503	9	5½	2½			5½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	27½	26½	27½
Deposits.							
A.J.S. Bank, Class A				3	14 3	13/	14 3
Class B				3	10 3	9 9	10/
Ditto, Inscribed	201,147			3½	10 9	9 3	
Com. of Aus., A series, 1898				3	18/	17/	18/
Ditto assets				3	16/	15 3	
E. S. & A. series				4	15/	14 6	
Ditto Termi'ble	560,000			4	18 6	18 3	
Ditto, Debentre.	105,579			4	16 9	16 6	
Deeo., pref.	941,097			3	12 3	11 6	
Ditto, def.	940,921			3		12 6	
Nat. of Aust.				4½	19 7½		
Steam.							
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	4½	6		6½
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	6	17 9	17/	18/
North Coast	121,743	1	17 6	6	16 0	16/	16 9
N. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	50/	49	51/
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/		20/		
Ditto Co-op'tive Deb. Shares			1			12/	16 6
Insurance.							
A. M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	20/6		
City M. Fire	15,000	1	2/	10	3 10	4/	
Mer. Mut.	28,250	1	3/6	15½	9 3	9/	
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	15¾			
United	62,500	10	2½	12½		6?	87/6
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12 6	12½	20/6	18/	21/
Gas.							
Albury	7,500			10	14/3		
Australian	687,798	6	6	9	16¾	16¼	16½
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	42/		45/
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	21 9	21/	
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	23 6	25/
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10	7		11/	
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	18/6	18/	19 6
Newcastle	25,127	2	2	12½	37 6		
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	20 3	20 6	
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10	6	14/	13 9	14 3
Breweries.							
Albury	21,000	1	1				
Ditto	4,000	1	10/				
Australian	90,000			5	10		9/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	290,500		1	5	16/	15 9	16 6
Marshall's	31,250	10	5/	6	3 7	3 6	3 8
Perkins's	88,333	15	15	10			
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	24 3	24/	24 3
Miscellaneous.							
Aarons'	17,800	15	10	5	2 9		
Australian Newspaper					24 3	27	
B.H.W. Supply	186,500	1	1	10	17		
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	27		
Ditto	17,500	1	f	8			
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10		27½	28
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5/6		
Emu Gravel	31,000	1	1	2½		5 6	
Fresh F'd & Ice	108,000	1	1	8	18 10½		
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	50,000	1	1	8			
Ditto	20,000	1	10/	8	11		
Melbourne T'me	400,000	1	10/	5	12 3		
Mont de Piete	71,467	1	1	10	34 6	34/	
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2 5	5	2 2	2 2	2 3
Perp. Trustee	25,000	10	5	6	8/		8 6
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1				
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	4	8/	8/	
Shale and Oil	15,000	1	15		2 3	2 3	3 6
Silv. Tram.	107,000	1	1	40	96/	95/	96/
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	15		
Syd. Hydr.	75,000		10/	10	21/3	21/	
Land & Build.							
Haymark't Dep.			13				
Industrial Prov.	100,450			6		20 9	21
Intercolonial	35,000	20		15	12/6		
Syd. Free L., B., and Inv.							
Excelsior Dep.					7/1	7 9	
Federal B. Dep.						12/6	
Syd. & Sub. Dep.							

A cable message received to-day announces that a New South Wales Government 3 per cent. loan of £1,500,000 is to be issued, that tenders will be opened on Tuesday next, and that the minimum has been fixed at 99. There is the best authority for saying that the announcement is correct, Mr. Reid himself having been spoken to on the subject by a special reporter of the "Sydney Morning Herald" who has been travelling with him at Mudgee. Mr. Reid stated that the Government had been considering the advisability of raising a loan for some time, and at first was desirous of raising it locally, but in the present state of the money market he thought it better to float it in England. No new loans had, he stated, been raised in London for some years except for renewals or for paying off Treasury bills. The present loan was being raised in view of advances during the past two or three years from the public account. These advances amounted to a sum of about £1,550,000. The loan had, the right hon. gentleman said, nothing to do with the recent Appropriation Bill or the Loan Bill. We find that the last New South Wales inscribed stock loan in London was, apparently, a 3 per cent. one, floated on October 10, 1895, the amount of stock being £4,000,000, and the amount received £3,876,604 13s 6d, whilst the highest price was £99 10s and the lowest £96 14s, the average being £96 18s 3½d. Since then money has become cheaper in London, so that although the minimum of the loan now proposed is appreciably higher than the average obtained in 1895, the 3 per cent. offered will probably be a sufficient inducement to lenders to subscribe the amount required. The fact that New South Wales has not gone to the London market for a considerable time for a loan will doubtless operate in favour of the scheme, and it will be a great surprise if the money needed is not forthcoming. On one important point no information is, at the time of writing, forthcoming, and that is the date of redemption. The complaint has often been heard that owing to the great depreciation in value which has taken place in certain important products since some of the loans were contracted a much greater quantity has to be sent away to meet the interest than was originally the case. It must be manifest that the longer the term for a loan the greater is the risk in that respect, whilst, on the other hand, if a short term be fixed, the matter of interest may be equitably adjusted at the time of renewal, should renewal be necessary.

The leading features of the return of liabilities and assets in New South Wales of the Bank of North Queensland, Limited, for the past quarter are as follows, the corresponding figures of the preceding quarter being given in brackets:—

Deposits not bearing interest, £8481 [£7219]; deposits bearing interest, £10,559 [£10,871]; coin and bullion, £17,024 [£17,833]; advances, £40,056 [£41,802].

The Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Company's balance-sheet to the 1st instant shows that the premiums received for 1897 amount to £41,520. Other receipts are £2021, making the total income £43,541. After deducting expenses, losses, and re-insurances, there remains a profit of £10,988 11s 9d on the year's transactions, which, with £288 11s 1d balance from last year, gives the sum of £11,217 2s 10d available for distribution. The directors have decided to pay the usual bonus of 20 per cent. on premiums, viz., £8304, divided between policy-holders and shareholders, being half to each, and to carry forward £2913 to next account.

The directors of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Limited, having decided to extend their business to the United Kingdom, have opened their chief office for Great Britain and Ireland at 75 and 76 Cornhill, E.C., under the management of Mr. John Munro, late city secretary of the English and Scottish Law Life Office. The managing director of the association is Colonel Templeton, who went over to the old country to take part in the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, in command of the Victorian Rifle Team, which won the Kolapore Cup at Bisley in July. In recognition of his great services in the Victorian Defence Force during a period of 38 years, he received the decoration of C.M.G. The "Post Magazine and Insurance Monitor" says that ardent and zealous as he is in his volunteer work, he is not less so with respect to the well-being and prosperity of the Life Office which he himself founded in 1869. He is a Scotsman by birth.

IMPORT MARKET.

Very little activity was displayed to-day, and but few changes in prices occurred. Breadstuffs remained quiet at recently quoted figures. In sugar nothing special came under notice. Only a small proportion of the tea offered at auction to-day actually changed hands, there being no life in the biddings of the trade. Although vendors did not sacrifice, prices had an easier tendency. A few sales were carried through privately. Groceries moved off quietly. Candles were quoted ½d lower by mail. Dried fruits ruled very quiet. In liquors steady business was done, while brewers' goods moved off well at firm prices. No change occurred in hardware. Tinplates remain very firm and scarce. Jute goods were unaltered. Kerosene oil had an easier tendency.

Shipments of merchandise from the United Kingdom to Sydney and Newcastle during the month ended November 18, the preceding four weeks, and the same month of last year, as published by Messrs. Stables, Straker, and Co., follow:—

—	Four Weeks ended Nov. 18.	Previous Month.	Last Year.
Sydney	£511,000	£535,000	£552,000
Melbourne	385,000	418,000	473,000
Brisbane	161,000	236,000	191,000
Adelaide	148,000	174,000	187,000
Perth	238,000	198,000	178,000
Hobart	20,000	21,000	16,000
New Zealand	262,000	363,000	245,000
Total	£1,725,000	£1,945,000	£1,842,000

The position has accordingly not been sustained, an aggregate shrinkage of £220,000 occurring.

Breadstuffs.—Wheat remained at 4s to 4s 2d, the latter price being given for small lots f.o.b. Flour ranged between £10 10s and £11 for new, according to parcel and quality. Business was quiet throughout.

Some interesting figures have been compiled showing the ratio that receipts by rail bear to the total crop of the years enumerated. They are as follow:—

Yr.	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.	Total in terms of wheat. Bushels.	Percentage of crop.
1893	15,475	16,227	1,384,425	20
1894	13,030	17,410	1,358,240	20
1895	15,553	17,734	1,402,641	21
1896	20,635	8,998	1,274,395	21
1897	35,378	12,487	1,933,330	21

So although our crop was the largest on record last year, until it was eclipsed this season, the receipts by rail bear a remarkably constant percentage to the total crop when compared with similar figures of previous years. The reason is obvious. Large quantities of grain which would otherwise have come to Sydney found its way to Adelaide, and thus absorbed the increased production. At the end of next year doubtless this constancy will receive a sudden check, and the percentage of receipts to crop may be expected to grow in ratio with the increase in the colony's total yield.

Some of the leading authorities on wheat in London do not appear to think that a stiff rise is at all improbable. In a recent issue of his corn trade list, "Dornbusch" says:—

"The character of the wheat market has not altered during the past week. Nervous uncertainty is the chief phase of the situation, and the great mass of millers and traders practically refuse to consider the possibilities of the trade in relation to supply in the early months of 1898. As a matter of fact no provision is being made for this period. It seems to be vaguely assumed that supplies will continue to turn up at the critical moment, that winter shall pass and spring must come, 'but the stream flows on for ever.' The trade, holding on to the anchor of hope, looks for assistance to Argentina, and in some measure to India, but many a time has 'hope told a flattering tale,' and the irony of unexpected and inflexible circumstances may yet capsize the situation and convert the present supineness into unbecoming excitement, if not panic. It cannot be supposed that shipments will continue at high-water level. The closing of the canals in the United States and the winter limitations imposed upon Russian exports must ere long exert influence upon grain clearances, and wet weather would cause a marked diminution in the deliveries of English wheat. These annual incidents are well known to all interested, and perhaps millers and merchants are waiting to witness their effect before committing themselves to a policy of mitigated activity or prolonged abstention.

"The question then arises what would be the position of the Australian markets should a substantial advance take place at Mark Lane. At present Sydney prices are just about on a shipping level. Were the quality of the wheat better than it is no great fall would be necessary to make shipping to London a profitable operation. A substantial advance—any advance in fact that occurs in London—should meet with an immediate response at this end. However, this market is slow to move, and in all probability, even should a rise occur in the world's markets, prices here would not begin to be materially affected until millers' stocks began to give out. It would, however, have the effect of at once strengthening farmers' hands, and the little export business that is coming this way would probably be carried out on an improved basis."

Tea.—Privately, sales included:—90 chests of Indian pekoes at 8¼d; 20 half-chests ditto, 7¼d; and 190 half-chests Panyong, 6¾d.

At the City Mart Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. offered 289 packages of Ceylons and 496 Indians on account of Messrs. A. Tange and Co. There was a representative attendance of the trade, but little response was made to the auctioneers' efforts. From a vendor's standpoint the sale was a disappointing one, for although prepared to sell at reasonable figures in some instances as low as 25 per cent. below cost was offered. About half the catalogue changed hands. 223 Ceylons found buyers at 7¼d to 9¼d for brokens, and 219 Indians at 6¾d to 8¼d for Darjeeling and Assam pekoes, and to 8¾d for Darjeeling orange pekoe.

Immediately following Messrs. Tange and Co.'s sale, Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. offered 263 packages of Ceylons on account of the Colombo Consignment Company, Limited, and 450 Indians for Dalgety and Co., Limited. Mr. Elkington officiated, and succeeded in disposing of 120 Ceylons and 133 Indians. As at the previous sale there was no disposition to operate freely. Ceylons ranged from 7½d to 1s 1½d, and Indians from 6½d to 11¼d.

To-day's mail advises the departure from Calcutta of the Argus on December 2 with 241,379lb. of tea for Sydney and 387,045lb. for Melbourne. Regarding the market there Messrs. Davenport and Co. write on December 10:—"There was a fair general demand. The feature of the sale was the keen competition for the best autumn-flavoured kinds, which in many cases showed attractive character. Beyond an easier tendency in commonest leaf and medium kinds generally no quotable change in values occurred. Suitable kinds were again well supported by Bombay buyers, who secured a good proportion of the sale. The demand on colonial accounts was fair."

Sugar.—No change occurred, finest grocery whites being no less scarce than heretofore.

Groceries.—By mail D.R.O. candles are advised ½d lower in London. 100 boxes of Colman's packet starch went at £25, and 50 tons of Globe fine salt at 50s.

Liquors.—The leading lines were all without alteration, Hennessy's brandy ranging from 34s 6d for one-star to 45s 6d for three-star. Key gin was firm at 10s 6d, and Lowndes's rum at 2s 6d.

Hardware.—Tinplates ruled firm at 14s, 100 boxes of IC cokes going at that figure. A parcel of wire nails changed hands at 25 per cent. off list. Fencing wire remained at £8 2s 6d and £8 10s for Nos. 8 and 10 in lines. Barbed wire moved off at £12.

Oils.—Kerosene was nominally quoted at 8½d, with reduced c.i.f. and e. prices.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £5605. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1098; wine, £137; ale, porter, and beer, £45; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £861; sugar and molasses, £34; opium, £48; candles, £23; bonded warehouses, 49 Vic., No. 19, £20; harbour and light rates, £42; pilotage, £19; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1062; excise on beer, £1517; tobacco factory license fees, £11. Total, £5605.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Market.—At Wednesday's public auction at the Baltic Rooms, in London, the recent prices ruling before the holidays were well maintained, with an occasional advance; the offerings were rather smaller, however. Actual quotations are as follow:—Mutton, fine, 3d higher, at 22s; ditto, medium, unchanged at 20s; beef, fine, unchanged at 20s 6d; ditto, medium, unchanged at 18s 6d per cwt. Since the beginning of November the offerings and sales, together with the prices for medium qualities, range as follows:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutton.	Med. Beef.
Nov. 3	2730	1475	18s 6d	17s 6d
Nov. 10	1400	1150	18s 6d	17s 6d
Nov. 17	2150	2150	18s 6d	18s 0d
Nov. 24	2235	1675	19s 0d	18s 0d
Dec. 1	1625	1150	19s 6d	18s 3d
Dec. 8	1590	775	20s 0d	18s 6d
Dec. 15	2175	1775	20s 0d	18s 6d
Jan. 5	1675	1500	20s 0d	18s 6d

Government Shops in London.—Regarding the competition between the Agents-General of the various colonies the "British Australasian" states: —"Our Victorian friends will have to look sharp if they don't wish to be forestalled in the matter of produce display in the city. The Special News Agency is informed that the Canadian Government has taken premises in the city, which will shortly be opened as a store for the sale of general Canadian products, furs, fruit, cheese, and butter, &c., somewhat on the lines of the British Produce Stores in Long Acre, the outcome of Lord Winchilsea's scheme. Victoria, however, will probably draw the line at retail transactions of this kind, though the logical outcome of the whole idea would be to promote the sale of the colony's productions in every possible direction."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 274 bales of wool were manifested, 68 arrived coastwise, and 41 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

The wool auctions retain a fairly representative gathering, and biddings are made with average spirit. The catalogues total fairly large quantities, but comprise a good proportion of ordinary and inferior wools, competition for which has eased off since the opening night, resulting in a slight weakness to the extent of 2½ per cent. With lower bids comes a larger percentage of withdrawals, equal to between 15 and 20 per cent. of the daily offerings on some days. The near approach of the close, which has now been fixed for Monday, December 6, and the weaker tone, has induced new buyers to turn up, with the expectation of picking up something at a reasonable price. French and German buyers have been more in evidence, and take large lines at current rates.

Occasional parcels are on show suitable for American requirements, and which are keenly competed for at full current rates. These consist of light greasy combing wools. Uniform with this description scoureds of the better sorts meet with good competition at opening currency, for home or Continental account.

With the large proportion of medium and lower grade crossbred greasy wools there is a distinct weakness in these, the decline being fully 7½ per cent. as compared with September-October series.

There is a good demand for superfine greasy and scoured wools. Anything choice commands excellent prices, but at this period there is not much forward of this class, it being rather late for scoureds and early for greasy sorts.

With only a couple of days before the close it does not seem likely that any change can take place in values, better or worse.

In manufacturing centres reports are by no means good. Few firms are running what may be termed full time. Orders are not very plentiful, and competition for contract work is very keen. There is nothing better in the flannel districts. Factories that have not run short time for very many years are now obliged to shut down some of their machinery.

In home "top" areas the situation continues most unsatisfactory. What business passes is very restricted, and the weaker position of the raw material has not improved matters. Spinners' requirements are very small, prospects hold out no immediate improvement, and there is an entire absence of speculation regarding future needs, though values seem on a low basis. But who can tell? Rumours of financial difficulties again crop up, and that creates want of confidence.

English wool, like colonial, lacks firmness, with very little doing.

Yarns show no improvement, but rather the reverse. The turnover is as small as ever, and machinery wanting employment increases.

A purchaser can almost make his own terms, but there is no inducement to anticipate future requirements.

With the approach of the close of the year, and all the usual stocktaking, there does not seem any prospect of anything better, at least this year, and with the advent of the new year and larger supplies sellers would do well to realise where likely offers are made. Wool will be cheaper.

New South Wales Wools.—CY, greasy A in diamond combing at 10d, greasy AA combing at 9½d, greasy B combing at 9d, 7½d, greasy first pieces at 7d, greasy second pieces at 6d, 5¾d; Caiwarro over BRA Co, scoured first combing at 1s 3d, scoured second combing at 1s 3d, scoured first clothing at 1s 4½d, scoured second clothing at 1s 2½d, scoured broken at 1s 2d, 1s 1½d; MB in diamond over Noreen, scoured first combing at 1s 4d, scoured second combing at 1s 1½d, scoured first clothing at 11½d; Boolcarrol over BRA Co, greasy first combing at 9d, 8¾d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 9d, 6½d, greasy first clothing at 8¾d, 8d, greasy second clothing at 7½d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy pieces at 6½d; ATH over B in diamond, greasy AA at 9½d, 9d, greasy A at 8½d, greasy pieces at 7½d; C over TOY in oblong on diamond, greasy first combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, 7½d, greasy first clothing at 6½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, 7d, 6¾d, greasy second pieces at 5½d, 5¼d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy second lambs at 5¾d; Winbar, greasy A combing at 8d, greasy first combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy first clothing at 9d, greasy broken at 8d, 7½d; CWS over Mungadal, greasy first combing at 9½d, greasy second combing at 7¾d, greasy first clothing at 8d, greasy second clothing at 7d, greasy first pieces at 8d, greasy second pieces at 6¾d; Tubbo, greasy first combing at 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy first clothing at 7d, greasy broken at 7½d, 7d; Bit over Mena Murtee over Tinapagee, greasy combing at 7d, 6¾d, greasy first pieces at 6¾d, scoured super combing at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d, 1s 1d, scoured first combing at 1s 2½d, scoured super clothing at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d, scoured first clothing at 1s 2½d, 1s 2d, 1s 1½d, scoured broken at 1s 1½d, 1s 1d, scoured first pieces at 1s 1d, 11½d, scoured second pieces at 10d; Murray Downs over West Riverina over N.S.W., greasy first combing at 9½d, 8½d, greasy second combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy first at 8d, 7½d, greasy first pieces at 8d, 7½d; Tarriaro, greasy A combing at 8d, greasy B combing at 7½d, greasy A clothing at 7½d, greasy pieces at 7½d; Gunbar, greasy super combing at 8d, greasy first combing at 7½d, greasy first clothing at 7½d, greasy broken at 6½d; Horseshoe over Howlon, greasy combing at 7½d, 7d, 6½d, greasy first lambs at 7d, greasy second lambs at 5d, greasy first pieces at 6¾d, 6½d, greasy second pieces at 5d.

Queensland Wools.—Cunnongin, greasy AA combing at 7d, 6½d, greasy A combing at 7½d, 7d, greasy B combing at 7d, 6½d, greasy A combing white 11½d, 1s 1d, scoured broken at 1s 2d, 1s 1½d, 1s 1d; BBH over Coondooroo, greasy first combing at 7d, 6¾d, 6½d, greasy second combing at 6½d, 6¼d, greasy third combing at 5d, greasy first clothing at 6½d, greasy second clothing at 6d, 5d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, 6½d, 6d; greasy second pieces at 5½d; Coongoola, greasy A combing at 8½d, 7½d, greasy B combing at 9d, 8d, greasy C combing at 8d, 6½d, greasy D combing at 7½d, 6d, greasy broken at 9d, 7½d, scoured A combing at 1s 3d, scoured B combing at 1s 2½d, scoured C combing at 1s 2d, 1s 1½d, scoured D combing at 1s 1d, scoured broken at 1s 2½d; FMY over Northampton, scoured A combing at 1s 4d, scoured D combing at 1s 3d, scoured first pieces at 1s 3d, scoured bellies at 1s 3d, 1s 2½d; Cover Caledonia, greasy first combing at 8d, greasy second combing at 7½d, 7½d, greasy first clothing at 8½d, 7½d, greasy second clothing at 7½d, 7d, greasy first lambs at 7½d; BW in diamond over Orion Downs, greasy first combing at 10d, 9½d, greasy second combing at 10½d, 9½d, greasy first clothing at 10d, greasy second clothing at 9d, greasy broken at 9d; Bowen Downs, greasy super combing at 8½d, greasy first combing at 8d, 6d, 7½d, greasy A weaners at 9d, greasy A at 7½d, 7½d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 8d, greasy skirts at 7½d, 7½d, 7½d, 7d; Wellshot, greasy first combing at 8½d, greasy second combing at 8d, 7½d, 7½d, greasy combing at 7½d, 7d, greasy first at 8½d, greasy second at 6½d, 6½d, greasy broken at 8d, 7½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, 7d, 6½d, greasy second pieces at 5½d.

Victorian Wools.—DB&Co. over Atlas Works, scoured extra super combing at 1s 6d, 1s 5½d, scoured super combing at 1s 4d, scoured super comeback at 1s 4½d, scoured super clothing at 1s 4d, 1s 4½d; Tandara, greasy first combing at 10½d, 10d, greasy second combing at 10d, 9d, greasy first lambs at 8½d, greasy first pieces at 8½d, greasy second pieces at 7¼d; Pevensey, greasy first combing at 8d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy first clothing at 7½d, greasy first lambs at 6½d, greasy second lambs at 5½d, greasy broken at 7d, greasy first pieces at 9d, 8d; NOW over BA in diamond, greasy first combing at 9d, 8½d, 8d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy first clothing at 8d, 7½d, greasy pieces at 7½d, 7d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy first comeback at 8½d, greasy first crossbred at 8d, greasy second crossbred at 7d; Clyde, scoured superfine combing at 1s 7d, scoured super combing at 1s 6d, 1s 5d, scoured first combing at 1s 5½d, scoured super crossbred at 1s 4d, 1s 2½d, 1s 2d; Toorale, scoured super clothing at 1s 7½d, scoured first clothing at 1s 7d, scoured broken at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d; Dunlop, scoured first combing at 1s 6½d, 1s 5½d, 1s 4½d, scoured first clothing at 1s 5½d, scoured second clothing at 1s 6d, scoured broken at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d.

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THE TALLOW MARKET.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow 1675 casks were offered, of which 1500 were sold. Fine mutton, 22s; medium mutton, 20s. Fine beef, 20s 6d; and medium beef, 18s 6d.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 2 3-16d per oz. standard.

AMERICAN VISIBLE SUPPLY.

According to "Bradstreet's" estimate the American visible supply stands at 54,750,000 bushels, against 75,000,000 bushels last year.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The millers have dropped their quotation for wheat to 4s 5d, but no sales of consequence have yet been reported, and value remains as before quoted, 4s 6d. Flour is meeting with only small sale. Bran is now worth 1s 1d and pollard 1s 1½d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the opening meeting of the Stock Exchange this morning the buyer and selling quotations were unusually wide apart, dealers fencing to get into the best position, but at the midday meeting and afterwards prices approximated principally by buyers advancing their offers, and during the afternoon a large business was transacted. Much the largest portion of the business was in Tasmanian mining companies, mostly at prices showing a good advance on the December prices. Only a very moderate business took place in investment stocks, with little change in prices generally. The sales reported were:—Victorian Government 3 per cent stock, £101; Metropolitan Board of Works, 3½ per cent., 1917, £100 10s; ditto, 1927, £101 5s; National Bank ordinary shares, 40s; ditto, preference, £10 15s; Melbourne Tramway, 11s 7½d, 11s 6d; Silverton Tramway, 97s 6d.

Nearly 2000 bags new wheat were sold at 4s 5d to 4s 5½d. Bran, 9½d to 9¾d; pollard, 10½d to 10¾d. Malting barley is firm, with a strong demand. 1000 bags sold at 3s 3d to 3s 9d for medium, and 4s 4d to 4s 6d for good. There is inquiry for oats—old at 1s 5½d to 1s 8d, good new 1s 6d to 1s 6½d. Maize is firm at 2s 11d to 3s. Peas, 3s 6d. Chaff is in small supply and firm at up to £5. Potatoes are firmer at £5 to £5 5s. Onions are dull at £2 15s. About half the cargo of Mauritius sugar to arrive per Annie Fletcher has been sold. 410 packages Ceylon tea were offered at auction, and all sold at strong prices. Pekoe, 6½d to 8d; pekoe souchong, 6½d. Private sales cover 200 chests Ceylon up to 7d; 90 packages Indian, 8½d; 150 half-chests Panyong, 7d; 100 half-chests Kooloo, 7d. Morton's fresh herrings are dearer at 6s 1½d for talls and 6s 3d for squats. Bicarbonate of soda on the spot, £10. No. 8 fencing wire sold up to £8 10s.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

MACLEAN, Thursday.

During December the Tully Morgan Butter Factory treated 2151 gallons of milk, yielding 1140lb. of butter.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Pambula Co-operative Dairy Company was held in the School of Arts last night. It was decided, owing to the bad season and the falling off in the milk yield, that the purchase and erection of machinery for the company's factory be deferred for the present. The buildings are nearing completion.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

In general produce a steady business was done in most lines. Stocks of chaff, maize, and pollard were extremely light. Maize was very firm, with every indication of hardening. Oats moved slowly, as did other feed-grain lines. Owing to temporary scarcity pollard sold at advanced prices. All forage lines were in demand at firm prices. Local potatoes found ready sale at a substantial advance on yesterday's prices. Only a few Melbourne tubers were on the market. Dairy produce had slow sale, especially eggs, which ruled weaker.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Maize.—Very scarce. Firm. Prime, 3s 4d per bushel.

Oats.—Plentiful. Fair sale. New Zealand prime feed to 2s 4d; medium, 2s 2d to to 2s 3d; local, prime, 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape barley, 2s 7d to 2s 8d. English prime, 3s 8d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 5s; grey, 3s 6d to 3s 9d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; second-class, 3s; screenings, 2s 9d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Leading roller brands, old £11 10s, new £10 15s to £11; Manitoba, red £12 15s, blue £13 5s on spot. Old wheat is worth 4s 2d to 4s 4d per bushel, Darling Harbour delivery, and new, association price, 4s; prime samples realised to 4s 2d.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was in steady demand at quotations. Pollard was scarce and dearer. Bran was quoted at 7d to 7½d, and pollard 8½d to 9d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime new, £4; medium, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, to £2 5s; imported, £2 5s; small bales, £2 10s; local bundled, £2 5s per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. Fair quality, to £2; prime, £2 5s; railway prime, in trusses, £2 10s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Prime £4, medium £3 10s. Local: Prime, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium samples, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Prime, £7 10s to £8; medium, £6 10s to £7 per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Slow sale. Garden honey, choice 2½d, second-class quality, 2d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 5d to 5½d; bulk 4½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Moderate demand. Mild-cured, 7½d; hand-cured, prime, 7½d; second-class 7d; farmers', 6d to 6½d; middles, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 7½d; flitches, 7d; middles, 8½d; Barnes's "B in circle," 7½d; M'Lean's bacon, 7½d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; very choice, 9d; New Zealand, Queensland, and mild-cured, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 8d; factory, 7d to 7½d. South Coast quote choice creamery 8d, Berry Creamery 8d, Foley Brothers Creamery 8d per lb.

Eggs.—Slow sale. North, 7½d to 8½d, South, 8½d to 9d per dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf, 5d to 5½d; Cheddar, 5d to 5¼d; large, 4½d to 5d; Bodalla cheese, 5d; New Zealand, large 4½d, medium 5d; loaf, 5½d per lb.

Poultry.—Steady demand. Old fowls, 2s to 2s 9d; young roosters, 3s 6d to 4s; prime, 4s 6d; ducks, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; prime, 3s to 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 3s to 4s, young 4s 6d; geese, 4s 6d to 6s; turkeys, cocks 10s to 17s 6d, hens 5s to 6s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Small supply. Good demand. Firewood, good, 10s to 12s 6d; rough 7s 6d to 9s; bundles, good, 10s to 11s; inferior, 7s 6d to 9s; billet, good, 8s to 9s; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d; bakers' split, good, 8s to 10s; large green, 6s to 6s 6d per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a light supply of produce was offered at auction this morning. Prime green chaff sold well at 4s 6d and good medium at 3s 9d to 3s 10d per cwt. Lucerne had steady sale at about late rates. Prime in trusses made 2s 9d, medium samples being placed at 1s 11d to 2s 2d per cwt. Oaten hay of prime quality realised 4s and off quality 2s 7d to 2s 9d per cwt. Good samples of chickwheat were in demand at 3s 2d to 3s 4d per bushel. Good pumpkins brought 4s 3d and watermelons 5s 2d per dozen. Potatoes commanded ready sale at a substantial advance on late prices. Prime fetched 7s 3d to 8s 3d and medium quality 6s 6d to 7s per cwt.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 7 trucks; potatoes, 8; watermelons, 1; pumpkins, 1; wheat, 5; hay, 4; and lucerne, 9.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. A. M'Arthur and Co., Inglis and Son, H. M. Suttor and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, Robert Little and Co., South Coast Company, Ellis and Co., John Bridge, H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, Bond and Carrol, and Dent and Perry.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From W. H. and Co., Cowra (truck No. 4389) passed, (3641) 3s 10d; Fulton, Penrith, (1195) 3s; Sailsbury, Wellington, (1082 and 9810) passed; Baggie, Dubbo, (3128) 4s 6d, Naphali, Wagga, (6045) 3s 9d per cwt.

Hay.—From White, Camden, (630) 4s; Bradbery, Penrith, (5050) 2s 9d; Upton, Emu Plains, (405) 2s 7d; Death, Water Vale, (2570) passed; straw, 2s per cwt.

Lucerne.—From Davey, West Maitland, (5687) 2s 9d and 2s 3d; Fye, Windsor, (3227) passed; Rutter, (5095) 2s; Hall and M'Grath, Mulgrave, (2004) 1s 9d; A. Cox, (3551) 2s 6d; Cleary, (9733) passed; Johnston, (5368) 2s 2d; Hannabus, Windsor, (3194) 1s 11d; Greentree, (4593) 2s per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Windsor, (4068) 12 JC 8s 9d, 8 MESS 8s 5d, 9 HH 6s 6d, 7 JT 6s 6d, 12 M 7s 3d, 14 TL 6s 9d; Mulgrave, (4551) 15 TB 7s 3d, 14 GB 6s 7d, 15 A 7s 3d; Windsor, (7228) 18 JJC 7s 4d, 15 GO 7s, 8 T, 8s 3d, 13 JC 7s 4d, 11 1A 7s 9d per cwt.

Chickwheat.—From Mooring and Mooney, Narromine, (9490) 3s 2d, (3900) 3s 3d; Mutton Brothers, Coolamon, (2558) 3s 4d per bushel; Sloane, Cowra, (8706) passed; Hall, Coolamon, (5603) passed.

Watermelons.—From Howell, Penrith, (599) 5s 2d per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From Wilbow, Mulgrave, (4351) 4s 3d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

The supply of fruit under offer this morning was far in excess of requirements. The demand continued slow, even at lower rates. Jam buyers operated very sparingly. Peaches were hard to sell at a substantial reduction on yesterday's rates. Grapes sold slowly at lower prices. In citrus fruits little or no alteration occurred.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, green prime 3s to 4s 6d, large rough and small 2s 6d, good 4s 6d to 5s, choice coloured 5s 6d per gincase; Italian 6s to 7s per half-case and 12s to 14s per double case.

Oranges.—Rough-peeled, 6s to 10s; medium to prime, 12s to 14s; choice thinskinned, 15s to 18s; second crop, 4s to 7s; prime, 8s per case; Italian, 12s 6d to 13s 6d at single and 21s to 22s 6d per double case.

Pines.—Common, 6s to 7s; Brisbane, choice 8s; Queens, choice, 7s to 8s per case.

Grapes.—Plentiful. Sweetwater, 4s to 6s per case; Black Hamburg, 3½d to 4d; choice, 4½d to 5d per lb.

Peaches.—White peaches, 2s to 3s 6d; red, small, 2s to 2s 6d; good, 3s to 5s a gincase; slipstones, 3s; clingstones, 3s 6d to 5s a half-case.

Apricots.—Local, good 3s a gincase, choice 4s to 5s per half-case.

Plums.—Lutherborough, 3s to 3s 6d; Black Diamond, 5s to 7s a gincase; Japanese plums, 3s to 4s per half-case. Melbourne 2s 6d to 3s per quarter-case.

Watermelons.—4s to 5s, choice 6s per dozen.

Passionfruit.—Local, 4s to 5s 6d a gincase, choice 3s to 3s 6d half-case.

Nectarines.—Small 3s to 4s 6d, good 5s to 6s a gincase, choice 3s to 3s 6d per half-case.

Pears.—Jargonelles, 4s to 5s; Christmas bergamots, 4s to 7s; Bell, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per gincase.

Currants.—Hoborts, 6s to 8s a quarter-case.

Bananas.—Plentiful, 6d to 2s 6d per bunch, 6s to 7s per case.

Apples.—Dessert, small 2s to 4s, good 4s to 5s 6d, prime 6s to 8s 6d; cooking, prime, 6s to 8s; Carrington, choice, 10s to 12s a gincase.

Tomatoes.—Green, 2s to 3s 6d per half-case.

Rockmelons.—2s 6d to 3s 6d a gincase.

Gooseberries.—Hobart, 2s 6d to 3s a quarter-case.

Cherries.—Local, 7s to 9s a quarter-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

A moderate supply of vegetables was under offer at the Belmore Markets this morning. All lines were in good request at about late firm prices.

Quotations were as under:—Cabbages, 6d to 1s, medium 1s 6d to 2s, prime 2s 6d to 4s per dozen; peas, local 2s to 4s; French beans, 6d to 1s 6d per bushel; asparagus, 5s to 6s; horseradish, 6s to 12s; beetroot, 1s; mint, 9d; spinach, 1s; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s; white turnips, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; parsnips, 1s 6d; rhubarb, 1s to 1s 6d; watercress, 1s 6d; celery, 1s 6d to 3s; radishes, 4d to 6d; carrots, 9d to 1s 3d; herbs, 1s per dozen bunches; lettuce, 6d to 8d; kidney potatoes, 2s 6d; Early Rose, 2s 6d per quarter; green-stuff, 4d to 6d; horse carrots, 6d per dozen bunches; vegetable marrows, 1s to 2s; cucumbers, local, 6d to 1s; pumpkins, 5s to 10s per dozen; tomatoes, local, 4s to 4s 6d per quarter-case.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

Sheep.—24,934 were yarded, the quality generally being fair to good, with a few lots of prime, and, considering there was no sale on Monday, this supply was very moderate. The market opened to the usual attendance, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, who bought extensively, and prices throughout were equal to the closing rates of last Thursday. Lambs were scarce, and in good demand, with a rise of about 2s per head. Prime crossbred wethers, 18s 6d; good crossbred wethers, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; prime comeback wethers, 18s; good crossbred ewes, 15s 6d to 16s; prime merino wethers, 14s 6d; good merino wethers, 13s to 14s; wool 8s to 9s; medium merino wethers, 11s to 12s; prime merino ewes, 12s; good merino ewes, 10s 6d to 11s; medium merino ewes, 9s; prime lambs, 9s; good lambs, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; medium lambs, 4s to 5s.

Cattle.—1191 were yarded, comprising about 280 from North, 400 from West, 300 from South, 200 from Queensland. The quality generally was medium to good, with a sprinkling of prime. The supply proved to be within requirements, and the market opened very brisk, with a decided improvement in values, which was well maintained for the better portion of the market. Towards the close, however, there was a tendency to weaken, sales being late. One lot of cattle had to be turned out. The auctioneer, in reply to the usual query from the buyers as to whether the owner would pay into the cattle insurance fund, answered in the negative, after which it was impossible to get a start for the cattle. Prime yards of bullocks, £7 18s; good, £6 to £7; medium, £4 to £5; prime yards of cows, £5 10s; good, £4 to £5; medium, £3 10s.

Messrs. Henderson Brothers.—100 lambs for Campbell Brothers and Co. at 6s to 6s 5d, 208 at 5s 6d to 5s 11d.

Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co.—92 crossbred wethers for G. B. Greene at 7s 8d, 124 crossbred ewes at 6s 3d, 146 lambs at 7s 8d, 27 lambs at 6s 9d to 7s, 11 lambs (shorn) at 7s; 300 wethers for Suttor and Co. at 6s 5d to 6s 6d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—347 wethers for J. Beveridge at 6s 3d to 6s 4d, 50 at 5s 9d, 1 (woolly) at 7s 3d; 185 wethers for Wagra Estate at 5s 11d, 31 at 5s 5d; 39 bullocks for Rutledge Brothers to £7 18s, averaging £7 5s 4d; 18 steers for Southern agents at £3 9s 6d, 11 cows at £2 10s 7d, 4 bullocks at £2 17s 6d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—50 crossbred wethers for Messrs. Bear Brothers at 9s 8d, 52 at 7s 11d to 8s, 154 at 7s 3d, 135 merino wethers at 6s 11d to 7s 1d; 134 crossbred wethers for Mrs. Russell Glassan at 7s 4d, 27 at 6s 10d, 24 at 7s; 54 merino wethers (tops) for J. J. Garry at 7s 5d, 237 at 6s 4d to 6s 9d, 80 (seconds) at 5s 3d to 5s 6d, 7 stags at 6s 4d; 102 merino wethers for T. D. Roche at 6s 5d to 7s 1d; 46 crossbred ewes for W. Oliver Carter at 6s 6d, 57 crossbred wethers at 6s 6d; 97 crossbred wethers for Messrs. M'Clintock Brothers at 7s 1d, 32 (seconds) at 6s 2d, 25 crossbred ewes at 6s 4d, 153 at 6s 1d; 35 wethers for J. Fogarty at 6s 1d, 74 ewes at 5s 4d; 18 crossbred wethers for A. J. Lees at 7s, 1 crossbred ewe at 6s 7d, 143 merino wethers, 42 second merino wethers; 432 merino ewes for Drummond Brothers at 5s 6d; 413 merino ewes for George Woods at 5s 4d, 184 seconds ewes at 4s 10d, 1 woolly merino ewe at 6s 6d, 69 merino wethers at 6s; 440 ewes for T. Jenkins at 5s, 41 at 4s 9d, 132 wethers at 5s 11d to 6s, 51 rams at 5s 5d, 39 stags at 6s; 113 wethers for H. King at 5s 6d, 318 ewes at 5s 1d; 106 wethers for Angus M'Phee at 6s 1d, 18 (seconds) at 5s 5d, 3 crossbreds at 6s 6d, 78 ewes at 5s 4d; 310 wethers for Mogong Estate at 4s 5d, 7 at 3s 7d, 190 ewes at 3s 7d; 50 ewes for G. Fields at 4s 1d, 9 stags at 5s; 2 lambs for G. Woods at 7s; 1 lamb for J. J. Garry at 5s 9d; 1 lamb for T. D. Roche at 6s 6d, 43 lambs for H. King at 4s 5d to 4s 6d, 12 (seconds) at 3s 4d.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son.—20 bullocks for James Ewan to £6 1s, averaging £5 18s 9d; 19 bullocks for Mackinnon, Crellin, and Co. to £6 8s, averaging £5 5s 3d, 1 (injured) at £4; 123 merino wethers for H. T. Beresford at 5s 10d to 7s 11d, 87 at 5s 2d, 1 (stained) at 5s, 1 merino stag at 4s 11d.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—37 crossbred ewes (shorn) for W. Brownlow at 7s 9d, 78 (shorn) at 6s 9d, 69 merino ewes (shorn) at 6s; 105 merino wethers (shorn) for J. Dent at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, 681 (shorn) at 6s 4d to 6s 5d, 1173 (shorn) at 5s 4d to 5s 7d; 47 crossbred wethers (shorn) for R. H. Maund at 7s, 48 crossbred ewes at 6s 4d; 72 merino wethers (shorn) for T. B. Webb at 5s 8d to 5s 9d; 8 lambs for W. Brownlow at 8s, 7 lambs at 8s 10d; 19 lambs (suckers) for T. B. Webb at 8s 10d, 15 lambs (suckers) at 6s 5d; 46 bullocks for W. A. Gardiner to £7 3s, averaging £6 12s 6d, 3 cows to £5 16s, averaging £4 16s 8d; 19 bullocks for Colley Creek station to £7, averaging £6 4s, 35 cows to £5 2s, averaging £4 8s 7d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—25 shorn crossbred wethers for W. C. Bowman at 7s 1d, 45 at 5s 10d, 47 shorn crossbred ewes at 6s 9d, 19 at 5s 4d, 863 shorn merino wethers at 5s 5d, 46 at 5s 10d, 48 shorn merino ewes at 5s 3d; 1 shorn wether for C. Wall at 8s 6d, 2 at 7s 6d, 303 shorn ewes at 6s 7d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—343 wethers (wool) for A. A. Dangar at 8s 4d to 8s 7d; 43 crossbred wethers for executors A. Davidson at 8s 4d, 20 wethers (seconds) at 7s 11d, 76 crossbred ewes at 7s 6d, 779 wethers at 6s 3d to 8s 4d, 97 (seconds) at 5s 6d 1 (cripple) at 3s 2d; 57 wethers for Miss Ryan at 7s 4d, 198 at 6s 1d to 6s 9d, 35 (culls) at 5s 8d, 425 ewes at 5s 5d, 53 (seconds) at 5s 4d, 1 cripple wether at 4s; 284 wethers for C. L. Badgery at 6s to 6s 1d; 392 wethers for J. Harris 5s 9d; 29 wethers for Wyuna Downs station at 6s, 531 ewes at 4s 6d; 357 wethers for S. agents at 5s 10d, 42 (seconds) at 5s 4d; 583 ewes for T. Harrington at 5s 4d to 5s 5d; 30 crossbred ewes for Springfield L. and M. Company, Limited at 5s 1d, 180 at 4s 7d to 5s; 511 wethers for Wilga Downs station at 4s 9d, 851 ewes at 3s 8d to 3s 9d; 200 wethers for J. O'Neill at 4s 6d; 324 for Gilmour Bros at 4s 5d to 4s 9d; 5 lambs (shorn) for T. Harrington at 5s 2d; 2 for J. Harris at 8s; 4 bullocks for Southern agents to £8 5s, averaging £7 16s, 2 cows, averaging £4 10s, 1 calf £1 14s; 49 bullocks for J. K. Mackay to £6 10s, averaging £5 18s; 24 bullocks for Southern agents to £6 14s, averaging £5 11s, 1 cow £3 12s; 54 bullocks for W. Keys to £5 15s, averaging £5 2s 3d; 29 bullocks for Southern agents to £5 1s, averaging £4 6s 1d; 11 cows averaging £3; 4 cows for J. F. Harrington to £4 8s, averaging £4 1s 8d, 11 yearlings (mixed) to £3 17s averaging £1 14s 10d, 1 calf £1 7s; 52 cows for J. Britton to £4 6d, averaging £3 13s; 108 cows for Western agents to £4, averaging £3 5s 3d; 13 steers for H. Lawcock, averaging £2 14s, 11 heifers, averaging £2 12s.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—61 crossbred wethers for G. E. Treguair at 8s, 105 at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, 191 crossbred ewes at 6s 9d to 7s, 45 at 6s 7d, 220 merino wethers at 7s 10d to 7s 11d, 924 at 6s 11d to 7s, 332 merino ewes at 6s 3d, 16 at 5s 5d; 1537 ewes for Tubbo Estate Company at 4s 6d; 144 bullocks for F. W. Armytage to £6 13s, averaging £5 5s 4d, 50 cows to £4 8s, averaging £3 16s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—20 bullocks for Mottama station at £6 6s; 20 bullocks for D. Mackenzie to £6 6s, averaging £6 1s 4d; 9 bullocks for Western agents at £5 8s; 26 bullocks for J. L. Haynes to £5 10s, averaging £5 4s 6d; 22 bullocks for Southern agents; 5 bullocks for M. Ball, 5 cows; 45 crossbred wethers for T. P. Wills-Allen at 8s 10d, 906 crossbred ewes at 7s 11d to 8s, 118 at 7s 4d; 16 crossbred wethers for J. and F. M'Evoy at 8s 6d, 6 at 7s 1d, 65 crossbred ewes at 6s 2d to 6s 9d; 116 crossbred wethers for A. M'William at 8s 2d, 54 at 7s 3d, 128 crossbred ewes at 7s 3d, 4 at 6s 3d, 11 wethers at 7s, 15 ewes at 5s 4d; 8 crossbred ewes for T. J. Leabeater at 7s 11d, 46 at 5s 11d, 55 crossbred wethers at 5s 11d; 57 crossbred wethers for J. Links at 7s 1d, 44 crossbred ewes at 5s 6d to 5s 9d; 2066 ewes for H. Wallace at 6s 3d to 7s 1d; 585 wethers for Western agents at 6s 4d to 6s 8d; 12 wethers for W. Grubber at 6s 3d, 22 ewes at 6s; 46 crossbred wethers for D. Murphy at 6s 1d, 55 wethers at 5s 10d, 43 ewes at 5s 3d; 36 ewes for J. Stamm at 6s, 62 wethers at 5s 10d; 90 ewes for H. C. Eckel at 5s 3d; 7 lambs for A. M'William at 9s 7d; 75 lambs for W. Grubber at 8s 4d to 8s 5d, 11 at 6s 7d; 11 lambs for J. and F. M'Evoy at 7s; 59 hoggets for D. Murphy at 6s 1d to 6s 10d; 17 lambs for H. C. Eckel at 5s 4d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—55 crossbred wethers for T. J. Finlay at 9s 6d, 93 crossbred ewes at 7s 10d, 32 crossbred rams at 7s 7d, 511 merino wethers at 6s 3d to 6s 5d, 58 merino maiden ewes at 5s 5d, 449 merino ewes at 5s 1d to 5s 3d; 213 crossbred wethers for G. Bardwell at 8s 2d to 8s 9d, 268 crossbred ewes at 7s 2d to 7s 4d, 55 crossbred wethers (seconds) at 6s 11d, 79 merino wethers at 6s 7d to 6s 9d, 16 merino wethers (seconds) at 6s 1d, 71 crossbred wethers for trustees G. Campbell at 8s, 21 merino wethers at 6s 1d, 40 crossbred wethers at 7s 1d, 230 crossbred ewes at 6s 2d, 81 comeback ewes at 6s 3d, 45 merino ewes at 5s; 11 crossbred rams for W. Root at 8s, 420 merino wethers at 6s 4d to 6s 5d, 81 (seconds) at 5s 3d; 279 merino wethers for P. Mulcahy at 7s 6d; 37 wool wethers for W. N. Willis at 8s 7d, 57 wool ewes at 7s 1d, 313 crossbred wethers at 7s 6d, 407 merino wethers at 6s 5d, 132 crossbred wethers at 5s 9d, 585 crossbred ewes at 5s 2d; 21 wool sheep for for D. Leahy at 9s 2d, 388 shorn wethers at 6s 5d to 6s 9d; 87 shorn wethers for J. E. Oxley at 8s 4d; 175 shorn wethers for Cobb and Co, at 7s to 7s 2d, 527 at 6s 3d; 54 shorn wethers for F. Hannan at 4s; 368 crossbred ewes for Rosedale station at 5s 5d, 703 merino wethers at 5s 3d to 5s 5d, 163 at 5s 1d, 269 crossbred ewes at 4s 1d to 4s 4d; 30 lambs for W. N. Wills at 8s 2d, 17 at 8s 2d to 8s 4d, 13 at 7s 6d, 6 at 6s 4d; 2 suckers for D. Leahy at 7s 2d, 8 hoggets at 6s 3d, 3 lambs at 4s 1d; 20 bullocks for A. Amos to £6 9s, averaging £5 1s 4d, 60 cows to £5 10s, averaging £4 11s 7d; 20 bullocks for R. and A. Scott to £5 7s, averaging £5 3s 6d; 11 bullocks for J. Ball to £6 6s, averaging £5 11s 8d, 6 cows to £5, averaging £4 13s 4d; 10 bullocks for A. W. Lynch, 1 heifer; 9 bullocks for H. Chard at £4 17s; 10 bullocks for A. R. and F. Bowman at £6 8s; 10 bullocks for J. Brown at £4 10s, 1 stag at £5 3s; 21 heifers for Southern agents to £2 19s, averaging £2 18s 2d.

Messrs. T. Sullivan and Son.—36 bullocks for W. J. Forrester up to £6 5s, averaging £5 7s 6d, 8 cows at £4 10s; 8 cows for Jas. H. Pengilley up to £5 2s, averaging £3 18s 4d, 4 heifers at £1 19s.

CITY YARDS.

Fat Pigs.—1060 pigs penned this week, which is only a very light supply and considerably below requirements, porkers especially being scarce. Values held wonderfully well, late high rates being easily maintained, competition being of the liveliest nature. Quotations—Back fat pigs, 50s to 65s; best baconers, 40s to 52s; good, 38s to 42s 6d; medium, 35s to 37s 6d; light, from 31s; best porkers, 25s to 28s; good, 18s to 24s; others, from 15s 6d. Stores: Best, 13s to 16s; good, 10s to 12s 6d; others, from 7s.

Fat Calves.—Another small yarding of calves this week, about 130 being forward. Buyers only attended in small numbers, many of them having failed to work off supplies during the holidays, trade being very dull. Late low rates were in no way improved upon, market being dull and low and dragging throughout. Prime heavy yearlings, 40s to 45s; good, 34s to 38s; prime young vealers, 28s to 30s; good, 19s to 28s; medium heavy, 18s to 22s 6d; poddies, best 20s; others from 8s to 15s.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son.—Milch cows: A comparatively small number was forward to the first sales of the new year. There was a good number of the trade and private buyers present, and the demand was brisk at a slight improvement all round upon the previous Thursday's figures. The fat cattle market was exceedingly brisk in the afternoon for anything good, but dry cattle were without alteration. We quote best cows, £6 10s to £8 10s; good, £4 10s to £5 10s; inferior, £2 to £3 10s. We sold 41 milch cows, £2 10s to £8 10s; 33 dry cows, £1 5s to £3 12s 6d; 29 fat cows, £3 to £6; 55 calves (M'Mma) to 16s 6d, 10 calves (Taber) to 15s, 12 calves (Wilson) to 21s, and 22 to smaller lots. 45 at 19s 6d; 60 pigs (Goulburn), 21s to 50s; 19 pigs (Liverpool), 29s to 30s; 32 (suburban lots), 18s to 41s; 36 store pigs, 6s to 14s 6d.

The South Coast and West Camden Co-operative Company, Limited, sold 84 pigs from Manning River to £3 2s 6d, averaging £1 9s 6d; 27 pigs from Nambucca River to £2 6s, averaging £1 12s 6d; 26 pigs from Milton to £3, averaging £2 6s; 11 pigs from Shellharbour to £2 13s 6d, averaging £2 4s; 59 pigs from Hunter River to £2 10s, averaging £1 11s; 50 ex rail to £2 5s, averaging £1 7s 6d; and several consignments of sucking pigs at from 5s to 8s 6d, and drafts of calves from the South Coast at full market values.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—Fat calves: We sold 27 from Trangie.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co. sold 17 calves from the Hunter at market rates, also 60 pigs from the rivers averaging £1 7s 3d.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. report at their Sydney stock saleyards:—Milch cows, £1 15s to £7 each; dry cows, 12s 6d to £1 15s; fat cows, £3 2s to £5 2s 6d; 28 fat calves for Davis at 19s to 42s 6d; 15 fat calves for Sears at 7s to 30s; 21 fat pigs for Downes at 35s 6d to 49s; 50 fat pigs for Wheelan at 19s to 28s; 15 fat pigs for Egan at 19s to 42s; 15 fat pigs for Fryer at 25s to 45s 6d; 50 fat pigs for various owners at 16s to 23s 6d; 21 store pigs for M'Phee at 11s 6d to 17s each.

HAIR, HORNS, AND BONES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Campbell, Nimmo, and Wyly, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Hair, Horns, and Bones.—Owing to the holiday vacation no sales had been held for three weeks, and consequently catalogues were rather large. With a full attendance of buyers and a good demand, practically the whole of the offerings were cleared at prices which, for best shanks, horns, and cowhair showed to slight advantage as compared with the previous sale. All other lines ruled very firm. Quotations: Horsehair, 12d to 21d per lb, ditto, inferior, 2d to 11d; cowhair, 8d to 12½d; stumps, 1d to 3½d; shanks, round £7 to £8 5s per ton, flat £4 10s to £4 15s, mixed £4 to £4 15s, inferior £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; sheep £2 10s to £3 12s 6d; hoofs, £1 to £3; knuckles, £2 10s to £2 12s 6d; common bones, £2 10s to £2 12s 6d; glue pieces, £8 to £14 2s 6d; ditto, limed, £10 to £18 2s 6d; fleshings, £5 to £8 12s 6d; sinews, £10 to £17 10s; horns, large 35s to 42s 6d per 100, medium 20s to 28s 6d, small to medium 7s to 16s 9d, tips 3s to 6s, perished 1s to 3s 6d; beeswax, 6d to 11½d per lb.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report.—Fairly large supplies were catalogued for yesterday's sales to a full attendance of the trade, and with increased competition prices procured were fully equal to those obtainable before the holidays. Horns and hide pieces met with keen competition, and may be quoted very firm.

PRIVATE SALES OF HORSES.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. report the sale privately of the following:—Bay gelding Predictor, 5 years, by Martini-Henry from Pretoria; bay gelding Marcus, 4 years, by Martini-Henry from Mascotte; bay filly, 3 years, by Mentor from Tease; bay gelding, 5 years, by Mentor from Polana. Also a young draught stallion on account of the Inveralochy Estate for 50 guineas.—Advt.

MAITLAND HIDE AND SKIN SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The regular weekly sales of hides and skins were held at Campbell's Hill yesterday, in the presence of a large attendance of buyers. In the hide section large supplies were forward, and with additional competition from the metropolitan sales were particularly brisk, and the market ruled very firm, at a substantial advance on late rates. Extra heavy hides made from 30s to 33s; heavy from 20s to 25s 5d; good from 16s to 19s; medium from 11s to 14s; light from 8s to 10s; inferior from 4s 6d to 7s; dry station skins from 4s 6d to 8s; yearlings from 3s to 6s 9d; calfskins from 9d to 1s 6d. Sheepskins: Very large supply forward, the bulk of consignments were in bad condition. Competition was keen for all good-conditioned parcels, and satisfactory prices were obtained. Best full-woolled skins made from 3s to 4s, others from 2s to 2s 6d; best pelts brought from 2s to 2s 6d, good, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; medium from 1s to 1s 3d; inferior from 3d to 10d; lambskins, 10d.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The usual fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill sale yards to-day. Fat cattle were forward in fair supplies. There was a good attendance of the trade. The bulk of the consignments were from medium to good-conditioned lots. The demand for all qualities was very brisk, values being firm at late rates. Best bullocks made £5 to £5 13s 6d; good, £4 to £4 16s; medium, £3 3s to £3 17s 6d; light and inferior, £2 2s to £2 15s. Cows were offered in light supply, with an excellent demand. Rates were in advance of recent quotations. Best forward, £4 to £4 12s 6d; good, £3 2s to £3 17s; others from £1 5s. Fat calves in light supply, all lots meeting with a brisk demand at satisfactory rates. Best, 22s to 28s; good, 16s to 20s; others, from 5s 6d. Fat sheep penned to fairly large supplies. The demand for all good quality was very brisk, and values firm at late rates. Best wethers, 6s 7d to 7s 7d; good, 5s 6d to 6s; others from 5s 1d. Fat and store pigs in light supply. Small attendance of buyers. Values easier. Prime baconers, 21s to 25s; prime porkers, 10s to 20s; stores and slips, 6s 6d to 12s.

HUNTER RIVER FARMERS' PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the usual sales of Hunter River farmers' produce held yesterday very large supplies were forward. There was a good attendance of buyers, but biddings were exceptionally slow, and prices realised were considerably lower than last week's quotations. Butter sold from 3d to 6d per lb; eggs, 7d to 8d per dozen; bacon, 6½d to 7d per lb; cheese, 4d to 4½d per lb; hams, 8d to 9d per lb; lard, 4d to 5d per lb; live pigs, from 5s 6d to 7s 6d each; honey 2½d to 2½d per lb, small tins from 2s to 2s 6d each; millet brooms, 7s 6d per dozen; sorghum seed, 4d to 4½d per lb; potatoes, from 4s 9d to 7s 3d per cwt; onions, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per cwt; turnips, 9d to 1s per bag; cabbage, 6d to 1s 6d per dozen; peas, 1s per peck; beans, 1d to 3d per peck; cucumbers, 1d to 2d per dozen; pumpkins, 4s 6d to 5s per dozen; marrows, 8d to 1s 2d per dozen; melons (water) 4s 6d to 7s per dozen, rock from 6s to 12s; chillies, 6d to 9d per small bag; tomatoes, 2s 4d to 2s, 8d per small case; lemons, 4d to 6d per dozen; apples, 3d to 1s per dozen; nectarines, 2½d to 4d per dozen; apricots, 1½d to 3d per dozen; peaches, 1d to 6d per dozen; passion-fruit, 4d per dozen; grapes, 1½d to 2½d per lb; pears, 1½d to 3d per dozen; plums, 2½d to 3d per quart. Poultry.—Fowls, hens 2s to 2s 6d per pair, cocks 3s 1d to 4s 6d; ducks, 2s 3d to 3s per pair; geese, 4s 6d to 5s per pair; turkeys, roosters 13s to 17s 6d per pair, hens 7s to 9s; pigeons, 1s 2d per pair. Lucerne hay, 27s to 33s per ton; oaten, 25s to 35s per ton; wheaten, 40s to 45s per ton; chaff, 1s 6d to 2s per bag; maize, 3s 2d to 3s 6d per bushel; oats, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per bushel.

HELY'S, LIMITED.

The old-established and well-known Stationery, Printing, and Manufacturing Business of Hely, Son, and Co., Dublin, which was floated into a limited concern some twelve months ago, with an over-subscribed capital of £80,000, held their first annual meeting of shareholders on the 11th ultimo. The chairman of the Company, Mr. Charles Wisdom Hely, J.P. (brother of Mr. Hume Hely, of the firm of H. Hely and Co., stationers and printers, of this city), presided. The report showed that the profits for the year amounted to £9651 10s 5d. A dividend of 8 per cent. on the ordinary and preference shares was declared.—Advt.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday resumed its sittings after the Christmas and New Year's holidays, but business was little more than nominal. Quotations of coal-mining shares were inclined to be more buoyant, but no exchanges were recorded. Prices of copper shares showed but little change from those ruling before the holidays, except that in the case of Great Cobar, Lake George Mines, and Lake George Proprietary holders increased their demands. There was no traffic in silver shares, but B. H. Block 14 had slightly stronger buyers, and North Mount Lyell, a Tasmanian venture, were much better. Prior to the holidays these shares were quoted with buyers at 98s, but no sellers. Yesterday buyers offered £6 5s, sellers' demands being £7 5s. No other Tasmanian companies were quoted, but in Melbourne there was a good market for them. Amongst local gold companies the changes in prices were immaterial. Victorian gold mines were without notice; but in Queensland stocks there were sales of Mount Morgan and No. 6 North Phoenix at advanced figures, whilst Brilliant Extended, paid up, realised a firm price. In Western Australian stocks Lake View Consols brought the price offered previously to the holidays, but other ventures quoted were mostly weaker, Kalgoorlie Proprietary and Hannan's Paringa being exceptions. The last-named sold prior to the holidays at 13s, but London prices of this stock have advanced during the past two weeks, and this week there were sales on the London market up to 16s 6d, a good many shares having changed hands. There were no sales at the last meeting of the room.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Belambi	6/	—
Hetton	—	45
Newcastle	£9	—
Stockton	4/	4/6
Vale of Clwydd	8/	8/6
Wallsend	—	20/15/
Wickham and Bullock Island	9/6	10/6
Ditto, new	4/6	—
Ditto, prof., £1 paid	21	—
COPPER.		
Girilambone	23	24/
Great Cobar	—	75/
Lake George Mines	—	52/6
Lake George Proprietary	—	2/
North Nymagee	—	4/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
Broken Hill Proprietary	30	—
Block 10	70/	—
Block 14	24/3	—
North Central	—	9d
Overflow	—	5/
Ditto, con.	1/9	—
Tasmania.		
North Mount Lyell, paid, £6 5s	£7 5/	
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek	—	8/6
Baker's Creek Consols	—	3/6
Birthday	—	2/3
Ditto, con.	—	1/10
Cobar Mining	—	5/
Falkner's	—	7/9
Giandarra	—	2/7
Golconda	—	1/
Mount David, paid	2/1	2/5
Occidental	—	4/
Parkes, G.M. and Q.C.	—	2/
Peak Hill	—	2/6
Ditto, con.	—	2/2
West Sunlight, paid	2/9	3/
Queensland.		
Brilliant Ex., pd.	—	20/

	Buyer.	Seller.
Brilliant St. George, pd.	—	42/6
Charters T'rs. Pyrites	10/3	11/
Mt. Morgan	85/	—
North Smithfield	40/	—
No. 1 North Victory	—	4/6
Victoria G.M. Association	7/6	8/
Western Australia.		
Associated	86/	88/
Boulder Consols, No. 1	—	5/9
Boulder North Extended	—	7/
Brookman's Boulder	44/	47/6
Brown Hill Central	2/	2/4
Chaffer's	—	8/6
Eureka North	—	1/
Golden Horseshoe	£8 5/	£8 10/
Great Boulder	—	24/3
Ditto, Main Reef	34/6	35/9
Great Boulder Pers'v'rnce	—	99/
Hannan's Block 45	8/	9/3
Hannan's Central Extended	3/	—
Hannan's Paringa	14/	16/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, con.	6d	1/
Kalgoorlie Bank of England	—	51/6
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	5/	—
Kalgurli	6/17/	£7
Kalgurli N'th	36/	39/
Kalgurli S'th	63/	65/6
Lake View Consols	—	£11
Lake View Extended	21/	—
Lake View South, paid	—	49/
Monte Cristo, con.	—	1/
Queensland Menzies, pd10/		11/6

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Copper: Girilambone, 23s 9d; Lake George Proprietary, 1s 8d, 1s 9d. Gold: Birthday, contributing, 1s 9d; Falkner's, 7s, 7s 3d. Noon—Gold: Cobar Great Western, 4s 2d; West Sunlight, paid up, 3s; Brilliant Extended, paid up, 10s 6d; Mount Morgan, 85s; No. 6 North Phoenix, 2s 5d; Lake View Consols, £11.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Gold: No. 5 North Phoenix, 14s 6d, 14s 7d; No. 6 North Phoenix, 2s 5½d, 2s 6½d, 2s 6d; No. 2 North Columbia and Smithfield, 2s 1d; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, contributing, 8d.

Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Co. report the sale of 37 tons 16cwt. of Great Cobar copper at £44 17s 6d per ton for the copper, and the usual price for gold and silver contents. A cable message received from London yesterday quoted Chili copper bars at £48 17s 6d per ton at three months; market steady.

We are informed by Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Co. that an important development has taken place at Girilambone copper mine during the week. Drives are being pushed ahead to connect the southern and main workings, through virgin ground, and in the drive from the south shaft payable ore has been struck. This deposit is an entirely new ore body, and greatly enhances the value of the mine. The erection of the new winding plant and concentrating mill is being pushed rapidly ahead, and every effort is being made to effect an early start.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Business was resumed on the Stock Exchange to-day after the holidays. Silver stocks were quiet, while the market for gold was dull. Sales: Broken Hill Proprietary, 40s, buyer 33s 9d, seller 40s 6d; B.H. South, paid, 9s; Menzies Barossa, 3s 9d, buyer 3s 8d, seller 3s 9d; Eleanora, 1s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, 86s, 87s, buyer 86s 6d, seller 87s; Hannan's Block 45, 8s 8d, buyer 8s 6d, seller 8s 9d; Bonnie Charlie Extended, 1s 3d, 1s 2d, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 3d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 4s 8d, 4s 6d, 4s 7d, buyer 4s 7d, seller 4s 8d; Boulder Half-mile South, 2s 8d, buyer 2s 7d, seller 2s 9d; Brookman's Boulder, 44s 9d, 44s 3d, seller 44s 3d; Boulder North-west, 1s 2d, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 3d; Boulder North Extended, 6s 8d, 7s, 6s 10½d, buyer 6s 10d, seller 6s 11d; Brown Hill Junction, 5s 3d, buyer 5s 2d, seller 5s 4d; Golden Horseshoe, £8 10s; Great Boulder No. 1, 24s 6d, buyer 24s, seller 24s 6d; Hannan's Central Extended, 3s 1d, buyer 3s, seller 3s 2d; Ivanhoe South Extended, 8s 10d, buyer 8s 8d, seller 8s 11d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 5s 7d, 5s 5d, 5s 6d, buyer 5s 5d, seller 5s 6d; Kalgoorlie Mint, 24s, buyer 23s, seller 24s 6d; Lake View South, paid, 44s, 43s, buyer 43s, seller 44s; North Kalgurli, 39s, seller 39s; North Boulder, seller 25s; No. 1 North Norseman, new, 2s, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s 1d; Princess Royal, paid, 17s; Queen Margaret Central, 1s 6d, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 9d; Southern Boulder, 1s 2d, 1s 3d, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 5d; South Kalgurli, 64s, buyer 61s, seller 64s.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Brisbane Stock Exchange sales were:—No. 6 North Phoenix, 2s 2d.

Queensland Exchange sales.—No. 6 North Phoenix, 2s 2½d.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B. H. Proprietary shipped for the fortnight ending the 30th December to Port Pirie 1599 tons oxidised ores and 836 tons sulphide concentrates.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—Great Eastern No. 1 North, 1s 3½d, 1s 3½d; Orient Tribute, 2s 11d; Great Eastern South, 9s 9d, 10s; Great Eastern No. 2 South, 34s; Smithfield No. 4 South, 11d; Victory No. 1 North, contributing, 4s 6d, 4s 7d; Phoenix No. 5 North, 14s 3d.

To-night's quotations:—South Glanmire and Monkland, seller 19s, buyer 18s 6d; Columbia and Smithfield, seller 19s 6d, buyer 18s 6d; Phoenix No. 3 North seller 14s, buyer 13s 8d; Smithfield No. 1 North, seller 33s, buyer 31s; Oriental and Glanmire, seller 14s, buyer 12s 10d; North Smithfield, seller 45s, buyer 41s 6d.

HILLGROVE, Thursday.

At the Warden's Court to-day the Eleanora Company obtained three months' total suspension from labour conditions for the purpose of getting time to introduce fresh capital to assist in the developmental work of the mine. Some of the hands will probably be kept on, though large numbers will be thrown out of employment.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Mining Exchange opened again to-day after the holidays. The sales and quotations were:—Clifton, buyer 4s, seller 5s; Curtin and Davis, buyer 2s 3d; Colebrook, buyer 30s; Hercules, buyer 24s, seller 27s 6d; Barlen Hercules, buyer 1s; South Hercules, buyer 2s 4½d, seller 3s; Mount Black Proprietary, buyer 5s 3d, seller 7s; ditto, paid, buyer 6s 6d, seller 7s 6d; Mount Lyell, seller £14 4s; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 86s, seller 100s; Lyell Consols, buyer 12s, seller 14s 9d; Mount Reid, buyer 12s 3d, seller 13s 1d; Primrose, buyer 16s, seller 20s; Silver Queen, seller 3s 6d.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Warden Troy, at Kanowna, to-day gave his decision in regard to the applications for cemetery claims. There was great excitement and the court was packed. The following were the successful applicants:—Messrs. Jones, M'Cosker, Winter, M'Donald, Howard, Pardey, Johnson, Hack, Fisher, Hughes, Elliot, Warlick, and Casey. Each of the above represents parties or syndicates. Mr. Wallace was granted a claim, but only 10 square feet were left him. The men are required by the Act to work the ground immediately, or forfeit. The crushing from Hannan's Oroya for the month of December was 766 tons of stone for 275oz. of gold, making the total produce from the mine 2450 tons for 1187oz. The Ivanhoe crushing for three weeks yielded 1917oz. 8dwt. of gold, equal to 2oz. 7gr. per ton; also the five-stamps treated 226 tons for 356oz., making a grand total of 2273oz. 8dwt. The grand total for the Ivanhoe since it commenced is 20,187 tons for a yield of 47,127oz. of gold. The Great Boulder Proprietary's crushing for the fortnight ending December 29 was 1183 tons for 3038oz. gold, an average of 2oz. 11dwt. 9gr. The total product of the mine amounts to 50,483 tons, for 165,914oz. The Lake View South crosscut is in west 42ft. at the 300ft. level. The stone being broken is highly charged with pyrites, and it is expected that they will reach the lode at any time. The Ivanhoe Venture case has been pegged out by alluvial diggers, acting on legal advice. The case will be tested at law. A new alluvial rush has taken place half a mile north of Kalgoorlie township. Severall small nuggets were specked to-day by children.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-day's Stock Exchange.—Following were latest quotations:—Comet, buyer 3d, seller 5½d; Colebrook, buyer 32s; New W. Colebrook, buyer 1s 8d, seller 2s 6d; Curtin and Davis, buyer 2s 5d; Dora, seller 18s; Lady Dora, seller 16s; South Dora, buyer £10, seller £20; Hercules, buyer 23s 6d; South Hercules, buyer 2s, seller 3s; Primrose, buyer 16s 6d; Lyell, buyer £14 7s, seller £14 15s; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s, seller 1s 6d; Prince Lyell, buyer 1s 6d; North Lyell, paid, buyer 9d, seller 1s; South Lyell Tharsis, buyer 23s 9d; West Extended Lyell, paid, seller £2; Royal Tharsis, buyer 8s; Mount Black Proprietary, buyer 4s; ditto, paid, buyer 6s 1d, seller 8s; Mount Reid, buyer 10s; New Tasmanian Copper, buyer 5s; Briseis Tin, seller 10s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Business in mining companies to-day comprised the following sales:—B. H. Junction, 31s; Mount Lyell, ex dividend, £14 7s 6d, £14 10s, closing with buyer at the latter price; South Mount Lyell, 18s; Crown Lyell, 8s 6d, 9s 3d; ditto, paid, 8s 9d, 9s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, 85s, 82s; Mount Lyell Consols, 14s 9d, 15s; Mount Lyell Extended, 24s; ditto, paid, 26s; North Lyell and Tharsis Extended, 82s, 91s; North Mount Lyell, paid, £7 4s, £7 7s; Royal Tharsis, 5s 7d, 8s 3d; South Lyell Tharsis, 18s 6d, 23s; Great Dora, £15, £18; Dora Reward, 3s 6d, 3s 8d; Western Tharsis, 2s 4d, 2s 8d; South Dora, £18, £20; Briseis Tin, 10s; Associated Gold Mines, 91s, 90s, closing with seller 89s; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 5s 7½d; Cardigan, 9s 4½d; Chalk's No. 3, 30s; Great Southern Consols, 29s; M'Evoy, 3s 3d; Loch Fyne Central, 4s 6d; Sir John Franklin, paid, 10s 6d; Victor's Quartz, 7s 9d, 7s 8d; Landy's Dream, 2s; Loch Fyne Consols, 2s; M'Gregor, 2s 5d, 2s 6½d.

SOPALA, Thursday.

The monthly escort left this morning with 260oz. gold.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The Santa Claus people have commenced sinking the underlay shaft a further depth of 100ft. from the 50ft. level. The reef has widened considerably as depth has been attained. Three tons of ore are paddocked. Moore and party, north of the Santa Claus mine, have reached a depth of 100ft., and have a 6in. reef carrying gold. Five tons of ore are grassed. The Star of the East is sinking the main shaft, and a depth of 170ft. has been reached. It will be continued another 50ft. before crosscutting. They anticipate cutting Klink's reef 40ft. west of the shaft. The Lighthouse mine is crosscutting west at a depth of 400ft. Ten feet have been driven in very hard country.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Long Tunnel Extended, Walhalla, January 6, 10s.
New Chum Railway, Bendigo, January 7, 1s.
Beehive, Buluowsal, January 10, 9d.
Hanlon, Rokewood, January 10, 1s.
Victor's Quartz, Wood's Point, January 12, 4d.
Union, Pitfield Plains, January 12, 4d.
Central Plateau, Ballarat, January 18, 1s.
Queensland Menzies, W.A., January 20, 6d.
Victory United, W.A., January 27, 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie (fortnight), 1183 tons, 3038oz.
Hannan's Oroya, Kalgoorlie (December), 766 tons, 275oz.
Ivanhoe G. M. Company, Kalgoorlie (3 weeks), 2273oz. 8dwt.
Victoria G. M. Association, C.T., 245 tons, 235oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Avonia Gold-mining Company, Limited, week ended January 1.—Getting into softer country.

Broken Hill South Silver-mining Company, No Liability, January 1.—325ft. south drive M.S., total 28ft.; full face compact sulphides, neither hanging nor foot wall visible. 725ft. south drive M.S. drive, total 62ft.; present face carrying hard and mixed lode. 525ft. west crosscut M.S. total 54ft.; face less promising, ore becoming mixed in character. 725ft. winze (under west stopes) M.S., total 38ft.; bottom in friable sulphides; water still making freely. Main shaft stopes continue to yield required quantity of milling ore, while at hauling shaft supply is maintained. Stopes generally in satisfactory condition. Crude ore raised during period consists of 1211 tons. Crude ore mentioned above, in conjunction with 89 tons from sizes and slimes dumps, under treatment by jiggers and buddles, gave 377 tons concentrates and 253 tons slimes, buddles contributing 27 tons of the concentrates, assaying 67 per cent. lead, 15½oz. silver, and 8·5 per cent. zinc. Despatches: 471 tons 16cwt. 2qr. bagged concentrates to Port Pirie for shipment, leaving an approximate balance on floors of 776 tons. Output represents five days' run, less one shift. Seven buddles have been idle for repairs.

Eureka North Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Kalgoorlie, fortnight ended December 18.—Shaft has reached a total depth of 84ft.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, week ended December 22.—Owing to severe drought only three smelting furnaces in operation for greater part of week. Converter plant: 4542 tons of blister copper consigned to date, being 1277 tons for the current half year. Total production to date, 4763 tons. All works in connection with extension of plant and operations in mine making satisfactory progress.

North Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, January 1.—200ft. level: North winze, total 6ft.; good milling ore exposed in bottom. 300ft. level: South drive from main west crosscut, total 12ft.; material showing hard and mixed, but all goes to mill for treatment. 400ft. level: North winze, total 40ft.; bottom mixed ore. South winze, total 8ft.; fair milling ore showing in bottom. 570ft. level from junction north boundary: Drive, total 66ft.; full face of compact milling sulphides in end of drive. Despatches: 166 tons 15cwt. 3qr. bagged concentrates to Port Adelaide, leaving balance on hand approximately 339 tons.

Queen Margaret No. 1 South Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong, fortnight ended December 17.—No. 2 south shaft, 100ft. level: North drive, total distance from crosscut, 253ft.; near hanging wall the ore is worth about 5dwt. per ton, but the full width of the drive would not average more than 2dwt. per ton. 75ft. level: Rise from this level has reached a total height of 14ft.; no change. 100ft. level: South drive, total distance from crosscut, 19ft.; ore averages about 6dwt. per ton. North drive: Total distance from crosscut, 8ft.; the last 3ft. gave 5dwt. or 8dwt. prospects close to the hanging wall.

Rainbow and Mountain Maid Extension Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Copeland, tributers' report for fortnight ending January 1.—Drives at 50ft. level have reached 28ft. from crosscut; driven north-east total from crosscut 30ft. Sunk underhand stope in west drive 7ft. deep by 20ft. long; stone continues going down; water too heavy at present to continue underhand stoping. Average size of stone about 12in.; coarse and fine gold can be seen in stone the whole distance. About 11 or 12 tons at grass of good quality.

Sunlight Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Hillgrove, January 3.—No. 1 winze in No. 5 level is making rapid progress; is now 99ft. deep. No. 2 winze also making good progress but sinking is hard until the reef is cut; present depth 22ft. All machinery in good order, and plenty of stone is available from stopes.

GORE HILL CEMETERY TRUST.

A meeting of the trustees of the Gore Hill Cemetery was held on Wednesday night at the rooms of Mr. D. J. M'Intyre, Junction-street, North Sydney, for the purpose of forming a sub-committee to deal with a grant of £150 from the Government for the purposes of general improvements to the cemetery. There was a good attendance, all of the denominational sections being represented. Mr. H. H. Bligh occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Rev. Joseph Brennan, S.J., Messrs. D. Carment, G. R. Whiting, W. Liggins, W. Jamieson, R. Grant, J. Flashman, and D. J. M'Intyre. Mr. M'Intyre was elected hon. secretary to the general trust. The chairman said the meeting was the outcome of a letter which had been received from the member for the district, Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., intimating that the Minister for Justice had granted a sum of £150 for general improvements to the cemetery, and that the sum would be paid over on the formal application of the trust. There appeared some difficulty in the matter, inasmuch as there was no general acting body. To form such an executive the meeting had been called, and he suggested that it should comprise a representative of each denominational trust. The meeting would also be called upon to determine in what manner the money should be expended. The following gentlemen were then elected to act as a general committee, viz.:—Mr. G. R. Whiting (Church of England), Rev. J. Brennan, S.J. (Roman Catholic), Mr. W. Liggins (Congregational), Mr. R. Grant (Presbyterian), Mr. J. Flashman (Wesleyan), and Mr. D. Carment (general). After some discussion as to how the money should be expended it was decided that the necessary repairs should be made to the caretaker's cottage, that water should be laid on to the main avenue near the northern entrance for the public benefit, and that the balance should be expended in improvements to the main avenue.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Fixed Deposit Receipt and Suburban Lands.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At their Rooms, at 11, Pianofortes.

H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 140 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Bleached Cane and Rattan, Overmantels, Bedsteads, &c.

DALWOOD and CO.—On the premises, 43 George-street West, at 11, Furniture, Fittings of a Restaurant, Coppers, &c.; at 3 Cooper-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, Pier Glasses, Gas Stove, &c.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Rare Exhibition of Oriental Art Needlework, Rattan and Bamboo Furniture, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, Carpets, &c.

A. MITCHELL.—At Marion-street, Redfern, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c.; at the Wool Exchange, at 10, Tallow; at 11.30, Sheepskins.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Circular Quay Stores, Tallow, Hides, &c.; at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 12, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 2.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3, Dairy Produce.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1.30, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 2, Butter, Eggs, &c.; at 3, Poultry, Pigeons, &c.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1.15, Pigs, &c.; at 2.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3.45, Eggs, Lard, Bacon, &c.

S. PROCTER.—At his Mart, at 1, Pigs, Poultry, &c.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ERSKINEVILLE.

This council met on the 4th instant. The Mayor (Alderman R. Anderson) presided. There were also present—Aldermen Jacobson, Robinson, Schuler, Clarke, Black, Watson, Arpente, and Wilson. The council resumed the postponed discussion on the proposed alteration in the constitution of the Water and Sewerage Board as recommended by the Royal Commission whereby the members would be reduced from seven to three. Alderman Jacobson moved that the council disapprove of the proposed reduction. Alderman Black seconded the resolution, which was supported by the Mayor. Alderman Wilson said he was in favour of the proposal of the Royal Commission until he read the report of the speech of the president of the board (Colonel Rowe). He then came to the conclusion that it would be well to leave them alone. The motion was supported by Aldermen Robinson and Watson. Alderman Arpente approved of the proposed reduction, which, he said, would effect a great economy and give municipalities a larger proportionate representation. The motion was carried. Alderman Clarke was appointed returning officer at the ensuing elections. Alderman Clarke called attention to the increase of the bank overdraft, and said he thought much of the outstanding rates might be got in. The Mayor said he would have a statement of the outstanding rates prepared and laid before the finance committee, but he was opposed to such a statement being made public. The Mayor said he had received a letter from Mr. Molesworth. It was dated December 28, and was addressed to him personally. In that letter, which the Mayor read, Mr. Molesworth said that in reference to several interviews with the Mayor on the subject of a drinking fountain for Erskineville, he thought it would be a graceful act on his part, after his long association with the district, if he presented the residents with one, and he was now prepared to do so if the council would kindly accept it on behalf of the citizens and take it under their care for all time. The letter was accompanied by a set of plans of the proposed fountain, prepared by Mr. Williams, architect, showing a handsome design in freestone. The Mayor said he had told Mr. Molesworth that the offer would be most acceptable. The next question was where it should be erected. He told Mr. Molesworth that their footpaths were too narrow for such a fountain as Mr. Hatte had given to Newtown. His own idea was to have a band stand in the centre of the park, so that they might attract local bands of music on Saturday afternoons; but since then he had noticed that the pillar fountain erected by the council was much used, and this had caused him to change his mind. He accordingly requested the architect, Mr. Williams, to walk through the borough with him and select a spot for the fountain. Mr. Williams suggested the entrance to the park, close to the Public school, one half of the fountain to be inside the park and the other half on the footpath. He then consulted with the park trustees, who held a meeting, and decided that they could only allow it to be erected within the park, in accordance with the plan under which the park was laid out. The trustees added that they would be prepared to maintain the fountain. He therefore thought it was evident that the trustees would not consent to give up a portion of the park on the boundary line, and to erect a fountain in the park to look anything at all it would mean that it would require to be about twice the size of the Hatte fountain, and cost £200 to £300. This amount Mr. Molesworth must spend simply to please the trustees of the park. Alderman Robinson suggested a conference with the park trustees on the matter. The Mayor said a conference would do no good, as the trustees could not see their way clear to have two frontages to the fountain. In the meantime he would withdraw Mr. Molesworth's offer if the park trustees had so little public spirit as to refuse the offer except on their own terms, putting the donor to three times more expense than necessary. The matter was left in his hands, and he withdrew the offer. At the same time, if the council could recommend a suitable site he would reconsider the matter, and recommend Mr. Molesworth to give the fountain. Alderman Arpente said the offer was made to the residents, and it was not for the Mayor to say whether he would accept it or not. Alderman Schuler moved,—"That the offer be accepted, that the plan be approved of, and that Mr. Molesworth be accorded a vote of thanks; the site for the fountain to be selected by the council." The motion was, after further discussion, carried. The Mayor said it was now for the council to select a site, which he would submit for Mr. Molesworth's approval. Mr. Goddard, chairman park trustees, who had been sent for during the discussion, said the trustees did not wish to show any antagonism in the matter, they simply could not agree to the site selected. The park had been laid out according to a plan in which provision was made for a fountain, and the trustees felt that that plan should be adhered to. The design of the fountain would suit them admirably. Alderman Jacobson moved,—"That the fountain be erected in the park." Alderman Black seconded the motion. The Mayor said Mr. Molesworth would be guided by him, and he would not consent to it being in the centre of the park. Alderman Watson said the council could place it where it liked. Alderman Jacobson said the offer was made to the residents of Erskineville and there were no conditions. The Mayor said he withdrew the offer because he considered that both himself and Mr. Molesworth had been insulted. Alderman Jacobson said he believed that Mr. Molesworth would agree to its erection in the park, in which he had always taken a lively interest. The Mayor said only a few persons in the park would make use of it. It would therefore be of little or no benefit. Alderman Watson moved as an amendment—"That the works committee meet Mr. Molesworth and discuss the site." Alderman Wilson seconded the amendment. After further discussion the amendment was carried.

RANDWICK.

At the last meeting, held on the 4th instant, the Mayor (Alderman J. A. I. Perry) presided, and the following aldermen were also present:—Aldermen W. Houston, G. Gale, F. R. Clarke, T. J. Lowe, J. Hincks, W. Larnour, J. Bundock, E. Hawes, T. B. Perry, I. B. Hodgson, and T. Powell. The Inspector-General of Police wrote, stating that Mr. F. W. Lloyd, lessee of the Coogee gentlemen's baths, had been appointed a special constable. The Post and Telegraph Department stated that it was proposed to erect a receiver at the corner of Doncaster-avenue and Bowral-street, Kensington. An intimation was received from the Public Works Department to the effect that the Minister had authorised the grant of £1225 as subsidy for the year 1897-8, £1000 being for the maintenance of the Randwick-road and £225 for the Military-road. Mr. Critchett Walker, chief secretary, asked for an early reply to his letter of August 23 re the maintenance of that portion of the Boundary-road around the Centennial Park. The Mayor to interview him. The registrar of the Sydney Diocesan Registry asked that the road approaching the entrance to Bishopscourt be repaired, as the drive has been put into good order in view of the early return of the Primate. Referred to works committee. Mr. J. King and Mr. P. Sumner were reappointed valuators for ensuing year at a remuneration of £30 each. Alderman D. Davis, one of the two suburban representatives on the Water and Sewerage Board, attended and addressed the aldermen regarding the Royal Commission's report on the Water and Sewerage Board. He said that some of the suburban councils had dealt with the matter hastily, and if the recommendations were carried out it would be a very serious matter for the whole of the councils. They wanted, according to his judgment, fuller representation instead of less. At present the president received £600, and there were six members at £250, making a total cost of £2100. The report recommended a permanent president at £1000, and one member representing the City Council and one representing the suburban councils at £150 each, or a total of £1300. If the two municipal members were incompetent and they voted against any proposal submitted by the president a deadlock would occur. Other examples were given showing that the new system would prove unsuitable. In reply to a question by Alderman Clarke as to whether the appointment of three experts would not be better, Alderman Davis said that was for the councils to judge. It was doubtful if you could get a good president at £1000 and two others at £800 each. This would cost £2600, or £500 more than at present, and the councils would have no representation at all, and in addition would not be able to have their grievances laid before the board so well, as experts would be more independent, whereas the aldermen could elect fresh members if they were not satisfied with the sitting ones. Personally, if the position was an honorary one he would become a candidate, and work just as hard, and he would be sorry to let the impression get abroad that they were taking their present stand to protect their billets.

THE NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION TREATY.

The new treaty of arbitration between England and the United States which Sir Julian Pauncefote and Mr. Sherman are now working on will probably be submitted to the Senate shortly after the convening of Congress. It is a badly emasculated edition (says the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle") of the Pauncefote-Olney treaty, and is valuable only as recognising a general plan of arbitration and perhaps tending to allay excitement in case the relations between the two countries should become strained, by express stipulations that questions affecting national honour, national integrity, or vital political interests touching either country are not to be subjects of arbitration. By national integrity is meant questions relating to the national domain or territorial rights; so the Alaskan boundary dispute could not be arbitrated under the general treaty. Vital political interests refer to the Monroe doctrine. Mr. Sherman and certain members of the Senate would like to have the Monroe doctrine specifically mentioned by name and for ever excluded as being a subject of arbitration. To this Lord Salisbury will not consent, holding the phrase "vital political interests" sufficient to cover that as well as other political questions which the States properly refuse to submit to a court of arbitration. No permanent court of arbitration is provided, each tribunal being appointed as the emergency may arise. There are no provisions made as to the selection of arbitrators except by the nomination of each Government. The Senate is to decide and vote whether the question shall be referred to arbitration. Practically the treaty is simply a permissive measure enabling the Governments of two countries to suggest arbitration in case ordinary diplomacy fails to settle the dispute. In the Senate is vested the final disposition of the matter. These restrictions destroy the value of the treaty, except in an extremely limited way. They had to be made to enable the treaty to run the gauntlet of the Senate. Even in its present emasculated form it will meet with considerable opposition from that body.

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Funerals.

RIGG.—The Remains of the late GEORGE RIGG will leave his late residence, Kelton, Edward-street, Eveleigh, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at quarter to 9 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
CHAS. KINSELA, 765 George-street, opp. Christ Church, Tel., 993. Rockdale, and Petersham.

PHELAN.—A SOLEMN OFFICE and REQUIEM for the Repose of the Soul of the late Rev. JAMES PHELAN will take place at St. Mary's South Creek, at 11.30 on FRIDAY, 7th instant, his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney presiding. The Funeral will take place immediately after Mass.

THE Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES CARLEY will leave his late residence, Illawarra road, opposite R.C. Church, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 1, for Newtown station.
ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., 246 King-street, Newtown, opp. Church-street, only. Telephone, 75N.

THE Friends of Mr. STEPHEN CARLEY, of 120 Macquarie-street South, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER, James Carley; to leave his residence, Illawarra-road, opp. R.C. Church, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 1, for Newtown station. ERNEST ANDREWS, 246 King-street, Newtown, opposite Church-street, only.

CARLEY.—The Members of the Loyal Progress Lodge, N.I.O.F., are requested to attend the FUNERAL of their late Brother, JAMES CARLEY; to move from his late residence, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, THIS DAY, 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. O. PENNINGTON N.G. THOS. STIFFE, Secretary.

CLIFF.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY CLIFF and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, William H. Cliff; to move from her residence, 24 Harris-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers, Embalmers, Sydney. Balm'n, N. Sydney, &c.

LYNCH.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. CATHERINE LYNCH are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from the Hospice, Victoria-street, THIS FRIDAY, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st.; and 68 Walker-st., N. Sydney. Tel., 875.

THE Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES TAYLOR MIDDLETON will leave Mr. Symonds's, Craigton, Parramatta Park, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Congregational Cemetery, Rookwood. Sydney friends may leave by Funeral Train.
METCALFE and WILKINSON, Undertakers, Parramatta.

THE Friends of Mr. ALBERT J. ROURKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Mary M.; to move from 102 Westbourne-street, Petersham, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.45, for Petersham Station, thence to Necropolis. W. J. DIXON and CO., 183 George-street W.; 120 Oxford-street. Tel., 588.

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HOTEL, suburb, new building, well furnished, rent £3, good trade, cash £220.
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NEWS Agency, Stationery, clear profits £3 weekly, any trial given, well stocked, £70. Joseph and Co.

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SALE, cheap, LEASE, GOODWILL, good country Hotel. Particulars apply W. J. Saunders, Gosford.

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H. DONALDSON, Secretary.
Eagle-chambers, Pirie-street, Adelaide, 4th January, 1898.
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Municipal Council Notices

BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA.
NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman JAMES CHRISTIE HORNE has been duly appointed Returning Officer for the Annual Municipal Elections of Aldermen and Auditors.
M. J. MADDEN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Garden-street, January 6th, 1898.

BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA. MUNICIPAL LISTS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Lists of Persons supposed to be entitled to enrolment on the Municipal Rolls, 1898-9, for East, West, South, and Beaconsfield Wards are now open for inspection during office hours. All claims to have names inserted, or objections to names now included, must be in writing, and delivered to me not later than the 14th JANUARY, 1898.
M. J. MADDEN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Garden-street, Alexandria, January 7th, 1898.

BOROUGH OF ASHFIELD.
NOTICE is hereby given that the FEES for the Sanitary Service, viz., 3s 6d per pan, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1898, must be paid to the Council Clerk on or before the 7th day of January.
If such payment is not made by the above date the Fee will be 5s.
No other notice will be given.
By order of the Council.
THOS. GLASSOP, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Ashfield, 1st January, 1898.

MUNICIPALITY OF CONCORD.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LIST for the year 1898-99 is in my custody, and open for inspection for all persons interested therein during office hours, viz.:—MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, 2 to 6 p.m.; WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.
All claims for insertion, or objection to names therein, must be in writing, and delivered to me on or before the 14th INSTANT.
JAS. H. BOLSTER, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Concord, January 7th, 1898.

BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LIST of Persons entitled or supposed to be entitled to vote for the year 1898-9 is in my custody, and may be inspected at the Council-chambers, Darlington-road, by any person interested therein up to the 14th JANUARY.
N.B.—All Claims to have names inserted in the List or objections to names thereon must be in writing, and delivered to me on or before the 14th JANUARY.
JOHN WHITEHEAD, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Darlington, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF DRUMMOYNE.
NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman MICHAEL STEPHEN FOLEY, J.P., has been appointed RETURNING OFFICER for the General Elections in February next.
GEORGE ALLEN RICHARDS, Mayor.
Council-chambers, January 6th, 1898.

BOROUGH OF DRUMMOYNE. MUNICIPAL LISTS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Lists for the year 1898-9 of the Three Wards of this Borough are in my custody, and may be inspected by any person interested therein during office hours, at the Council-chambers, from the 7th to the 14th instant.
ALL CLAIMS to have names inserted thereon or objections to names already on the Lists must be in writing, and delivered to me not later than the 14th instant.
W. N. G. PALMER, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, January 6th, 1898.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MANLY.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Lists for Wentworth, Fairlight, and Steyne Wards, for the Municipality of Manly, for municipal year 1898 and 1899, are in my custody, and may be inspected during office hours between the 7th and 14th JANUARY, 1898, by persons interested. All claims to have names inserted in the Lists, or objections to names thereon, must be in writing, and lodged with me on or before the 14th JANUARY, 1898.
T. C. HAYLOCK, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Manly, 4th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF MOSMAN.
NOTICE is hereby given that a COPY of the MUNICIPAL LIST for each Ward of the Borough for the year ending February, 1899, is now lying at the Council-chambers, Mosman, for inspection by any person interested, during office hours for seven days.
Any Claims to have names inserted or objections to names on must be made in writing on or before the 14th January, 1898, addressed to the undersigned.
GEO. F. M. WITHERS, Council Clerk.
Council chambers, Mosman, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF NORTH SYDNEY.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LISTS of persons supposed to be entitled to be enrolled upon the Municipal Rolls for the various Wards within this Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year may be inspected by persons interested therein, at the Town Hall, Alfred-street, every lawful day during office hours, between the seventh and fourteenth days of January instant.
All objections to names inserted therein, or claims from those omitted therefrom, must be in writing, and delivered to the undersigned not later than the fourteenth day of January instant.
W. BARNETT SMITH, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, North Sydney, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF PADDINGTON.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Lists for 1898-9 of Persons supposed to be entitled to vote are in my custody, and open to inspection by any person interested therein, at the Town Hall, during office hours, up to the 14th INSTANT.
All claims by persons omitted, and objections to names inserted, must be in writing, and lodged with me on or before the said 14th instant.
A. VIALOUX, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF REDFERN.
The MUNICIPAL LISTS of this Borough for term February 1898-99 are now in my custody, and may be inspected at the Council-chambers by all parties interested on any lawful day from 7th to 14th INSTANT, during the usual office hours.
All claims to have names inserted, or objections to names on Lists, MUST BE IN WRITING, and lodged with me on or before the 14th INSTANT.
E. W. GRIERSON, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Redfern, 7th January, 1898.

ST. PETERS MUNICIPALITY.
NOTICE is hereby given that COPIES of the MUNICIPAL LISTS of Persons supposed to be entitled to vote at any Elections of Aldermen or Auditors during the ensuing municipal year for BROMPTON, COOK'S RIVER, and ST. PETERS WARDS, in this Municipality, are now in my custody, and are open for inspection by any person interested therein during office hours up to and including the 14th day of the present month of JANUARY.
All claims to have names inserted therein, or objections to names now included, must be in writing, and delivered to me not later than the 14th INSTANT.
A. MACINTOSH, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, St. Peters, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF THE GLEBE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LISTS of persons entitled or supposed to be entitled to vote for the Municipal Year 1898-9 are in my custody, and may be INSPECTED by all persons interested therein at the Town Hall, during business hours, between the 7th and 14th January.
All claims to have names inserted in the Lists, or objections to names thereon, must be in writing, and handed to me not later than the 14th January instant.
T. D. GLASSCOCK, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Glebe, 6th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LISTS of all persons who shall appear entitled to be enrolled upon the MUNICIPAL ROLL of the Borough of Waverley for the year 1898 are in my custody, and will be open for inspection from the 7th to the 14th January, 1898, from 9 to 1 and from 2 to 3 o'clock p.m., except Saturday, when the hours are 9 to 12 o'clock. All Claims to have names inserted therein, or objections to names already on the Lists, must be made in WRITING, and delivered to me not later than the 14th January, 1898.
JOHN CLUBB, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Waverley, January 6th, 1898.

BOROUGH OF WILLOUGHBY. MUNICIPAL LIST.
NOTICE is hereby given that the List of Persons who appear to be entitled to be enrolled on the Municipal Roll of this Borough for the ensuing municipal year is in my custody, and may be inspected any lawful day during office hours between the 7th and 14th instant. Complaints to have names inserted, and objections to names already thereon, must be lodged with me, in writing, on or before the 14th INSTANT.
E. FORSYTH, Council Clerk.
Willoughby Council-chambers, 7th January, 1898.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.
NOTICE is hereby given that the MUNICIPAL LISTS for the year 1898-9 are now open for inspection, within office hours, at the Council-chambers, Ocean-street.
All claims to have names inserted thereon, or objections to names now included, must be in writing, and delivered to me on or before the 14th instant.
CHAS. A. VIVIAN, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Woollahra, 7th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF YASS to apply to the Parliament of New South Wales during the next Session, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the said Council of the Municipal District of Yass to recover Rates for the year 1897 to 1898, as per Assessment made on the 23rd day of February, 1897, but which was not advertised in accordance with Section 160 of the Municipalities Act of 1867, and for other purposes connected therewith.
(Signed) GEORGE THOMSON, Mayor.
Council-chambers, Yass, 22nd December, 1897.

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